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### TITLE THIRD.

#### INSTRUCTION ON HORSEBACK.

#### SCHOOL OF THE TROOPER, MOUNTED.

263.—The object of this school is to make troopers Iful in the management of their horses and arms, in all ections, and at all gaits.

To accomplish this, instructors must attend particuly, from the commencement, to placing the recruits well horseback, and to giving them the means of conducting in horses by a gradual and constant application of the noises.

The method prescribed to instructors in the school of the oper, dismounted, No. 1, for giving the lesson, is apcable to the school of the trooper, mounted.

The instruction is always commenced at a walk, in order give the troopers the facility of seating themselves ll, and of calming their horses, as they are generally re restive on leaving the stables. The instruction is

o terminated at a walk.
At the commencement it is necessary to make the men rch repeatedly on the same track, at a walk and at a t; when the troopers have acquired some solidity, the vements and the changes of direction are varied.

The most quiet and best instructed horses are chosen the first lesson.

264.—When the instructor wishes to rest the r commands: REST. At this command the troops longer required to remain immoveable. It is pr give this command frequently, particularly in th mencement, and to profit by it sometimes to intethe trooper on the instruction he has received.

When the instructor wishes to resume the d

commands: ATTENTION.

At this command the trooper resumes his imme position, and fixes his attention.

## FIRST LESSON.

### 1ST PART.

To conduct his horse to ground.

Position of the left hand. trooper mounting.

To mount.

Position of the

trooper mounted. Step off.

Eyes right, eyes To pass f left.

2D PART.

To march the the right to march to

before To turn to right, and to left in marchi To halt, an

the walk to

reins of the snaffle.

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the cross reins in the left hand.

take the reins in both hands.

To cross the reins in the right hand.

The use of the reins.

The use of the legs.

The effect of the reins and legs combined.

To march. To halt.

To lengthen the trot, and from the trot to the walk.

Changes of hand.

 $T_0$ cross reins alternately in the two hands, and to separate them, in marching.

To turn to the right, and to the left by trooper, in marching.

To turn-about to the right, and the left by to trooper, in marching on the same line.

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turn-about to the right, and to the left.

To make a quarter-turn to the right, and to the left.

To rein-back, and to cease reining-back.

To dismount.

To file off.

ing in column.

TE .- To avoid repetition, this lesson contains the ete detail to mount, to dismount, and to file off, as oopers armed and formed in two ranks. The instructor mit what is useless to the lesson he is giving, or to the n which he is instructing. The details applicable to the s which follow, are printed in italics.

# conduct his horse to the ground.

i6.—The trooper conducts his horse to the nd, the reins passed over the neck, and their mity engaged in the left cloak-strap. He the reins with the right hand at six inches the mouth of the horse, the nails under, the elevated and firm to prevent the horse from ing.

hen the trooper is under arms, he has the sabre ed up.

OONS, CHASSEURS, AND HUSSARS.

e side.

LANCERS.

The lance in the left he carbine is passed hand which holds it at the right shoulder, 2 feet from the butt, the left hand hanging wrist turned in, the thumb in front on the staff, the first finger along the side, the others in rear, the butt of the lance 2 inches from the

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unhooked. (Lancer), the lance rests on the g
by the side of the left foot.

# Position of the trooper before mg ing.

267.—(Pl. 50.) The trooper places hims the left side of the horse, abreast of the 1 jaw; he holds the reins with the right hand inches from the mouth of the horse, the downward.

The trooper has his heels upon the sam and as near together as his conformation wil mit, the feet at little less than a right angle equally turned out; the knee straight we being stiff, the body perpendicular upor haunches, and slightly inclined forward; the hand hanging at the side, the palm a little tout, the little finger along the scam of the ploons; the head erect without being constrate the chin drawn in to the neck without coverithe eyes fixed to the front.

When the trooper is under arms, he has to hand over the sabre.

The lancer holds the lance with the left has the height of the neck, the elbow and for closed upon the staff, which is held perpendicu the butt on the same line and at 1 inch fro point of the left foot.

## To mount.

268.—The instructor commands:

# PREPARE TO MOUNT. 1 time, 2 motions.

(Pl. 52, fig. A.) 1. At the command PREPARE TO MOUNT, Nos. 1 and 3 of each rank move 6 paces to the front, stepping off with the left foot, keeping opposite their intervals, and regulating by the right.

(Laneer), raise the lance until the butt is two inches from the ground. Place the right foot 3 inches in rear of the left; make a face and a half to the right on both heels, the right foot remaining in front; let go the right rein; slip the right hand along the left rein; take two steps stepping off with the right foot, and face to the left upon the point of the left foot, the right side towards the flank of the horse; carry back the right heel 3 inches in rear of the left; the right hand seizing the end of the reins is placed upon the cantle of the saddle.

(Lancer), bring the lance to the ground, at the

nide of the left foot.

2. Place a third of the left foot in the stirrup, supporting it against the fore-arm of the horse; rest upon the point of the right foot, and seize with the left hand over the reins a lock of the nane as far forward as possible, the extremity of the lock passing out of the hand on the side of the ittle finger.

#### MOUNT.

#### 1 time, 2 motions.

At the command MOUNT, spring freight foot holding firmly to the mane, at the time pressing upon the cantle to prevent to the present the cantle to prevent the cantle the cantle to prevent the cantle to preve

dle from turning; the body erect.

2. Pass the right leg stretched over the of the horse, without touching him; sit lig the saddle, placing at the same time the right without quitting the reins, upon the right the palm of the hand resting upon it, the on the outside of it, and take one rein snaffle in each hand.

(If the trooper is using the curb-bridle, pass the reins of it in the left hand and them.)

Place the right foot in the stirrup.

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HUSSARS.

Let full the carbine the right hand by the side. the left, which le

LANCERS.

Seize the land the right hand the left, which le it without quitt reins; elevate is ing it over the the horse better reins and the Rest at this prinstant; then low place it in the the stirrup; the hand then grand the height of the

#### Form-RANKS.

At the last part of the command, which is NKS, Nos. 1 and 3 raise the wrists (or the idle hand), and hold the leys close to the body the horse to keep him quiet; Nos. 2 and 4 ter the intervals without jostling and without ecipitation.

The rear rank being formed, closes to the disnce of 2 feet from the front. (Lancer), rest the

nce.

269.—Before causing the command MOUNT to be execu1, the instructor explains in detail the two times of it,
d allows but a short interval between the first and send part of this command, because, were the trooper to
main a long time on the stirrup, the horses would beme restive and move out of their proper places.
The instructor will explain to the troopers, that in caring the right hand to the holster before placing themives in the saddle, they will be able to do so lightly,
d will not run the risk of injuring themselves in beiding their horses.

The instructor causes the stirrups to be crossed upon

e neck, the left stirrup over the right.

# Position of the trooper, mounted.

270.—(Pl. 51.) The buttocks bearing equally son the saddle, and as far forward as possible; The thighs turned upon their flat side without fort, embracing equally the horse, and stretched ly by their own weight and that of the legs; A supple bend of the knees;

The legs free and falling naturally;

The point of the feet falling in like manne

The loins supported without stiffness;

The upper part of the body at ease, freeect;

The shoulders equally thrown back;

The arms free, the elbows falling naturally

The head erect, at ease, and not drawn tween the shoulders:

One rein of the snaffle in each hand, the closed, the thumb along each rein, the wr high as the elbow, at 6 inches from each the fingers turned towards each other, the extremity of the reins leaving the hand on to of the thumb.

The buttocks bearing equally upon the saddle: as a base to the position of the trooper, they oug equally charged with all the weight of the body to its steadiness.

And as far forward as possible: In order throoper may have greater facility in embracing hi and conforming to all his movements.

The thighs turned upon their flat side withou embracing equally the horse: The more the thight to the horse, the greater is the solidity of the trothey did not embrace the horse equally, the sear trooper would be unfixed.

And stretched only by their own weight and the legs: If they did not fall naturally, they could be ed only by an effort, which would cause constrain

A supple bend of the knees: To give a facility ing the legs more or less to the rear, without de the position of the thighs.

The legs free, and falling naturally, the point of

falling in like manner: Stiffness in the legs would impair

the good effects of their action.

The loins supported without stiffness: The loins should be sustained, to give the trooper grace and solidity. Stiffness would prevent his accommodating himself to all the motions of the horse.

The upper part of the body at ease, free and erect: The body can preserve its erectness only by suppleness and ease.

The shoulders equally thrown back: Were the shoulders thrown forward, the back would be curved and the breast contracted: were they thrown too much to the rear, the loins would be hollowed and the action of the arms constrained.

The arms free: In order not to employ more force than is absolutely necessary; constrained movements produce uncertain effects.

The elbows falling naturally: That they may contribute to the steadiness of the seat, and communicate stiffness neither to the body nor fore-arms.

The head erect: If the head were not erect, the body

would lean towards the side it inclined to.

At ease, and not drawn in between the shoulders: To be able to turn it with ease, and that its movements may be independent of those of the body.

# Eyes right, eyes left.

271.—As prescribed, Nos. 7, 8, and 9.

# To lengthen the reins of the snaffle.

272.-The instructor commands:

Lengthen left (or right)—REIN.
1 time, 2 motions.

- 1. At the last part of the command, which is REIN, bring the wrists towards each other without turning them in, seize the left rein with the thumb and first finger of the right hand, at one inch from the left thumb.
- Half open the left hand, and allow the rein to slip until the thumbs touch; reclose the left hand, and replace the wrists.

## To shorten the reins of the snaffle.

273 .- The instructor commands:

Shorten left (or right)—Rein. 1 time, 2 motions.

1. At the last part of the command, which is REIN, bring the wrists towards each other without turning them in, seize the left rein with the though and first finger of the right hand so that

# Cross reins—In LEFT HAND. 1 time.

At the last part of the command, which is LEFT HAND, turn in the left wrist, the nails downward, at the same time bring the wrist opposite to the middle of the body, half open the left hand, place in it the part of the rein that was in the right; reclose the left hand, and let the right fall to the side.

## To take the reins in both hands.

275.—The instructor commands:

Separate—Reins.
1 time.

At the last part of the command, which is REINS, half open the left hand, seize with the right hand, the nails downward, the part of the right rein which is in the left hand, and replace the wrists 6 inches apart.

# To cross the reins in the right hand.

276.—The instructor commands:

Cross reins—In RIGHT HAND.

1 time.

As prescribed, No. 274, but by inverse means

The reins are separated as prescribed, No but by inverse means.

To employ at these movements as little time as pe and to render them more easy to be understood, structor executes them himself at the same time t explains them.

## The use of the reins.

277.—The reins serve to prepare the ho the movements he is required to execute, to him, and to stop him. Their action shot progressive, and in accordance with that legs.

When the trooper makes use of the rein arms should act with suppleness, and their ments ought to extend from the wrist to the

der.

# The use of the legs.

278.—The legs serve to urge the horse fo to support him, and to aid him in turning right and to the left. Whenever the t wishes his horse to move forward, he should the legs by degrees behind the girths, causing effect to correspond with the sensibility of horse, taking care neither to open nor of the knees, of which the bend should be a pliant. The trooper relaxes the legs by deas he closed them.

#### TROOPER, MOUNTED.

# The effect of the reins and legs combined.

279.—In elevating a little the wrists, and closing the legs, the trooper "gathers his horse;" in elevating again the wrists, he slackens the pace; in repeating this movement of the wrists, he stops the horse, or "reins back." The trooper ought to elevate the wrists without curving them, at the same time drawing them slightly towards the body.

In opening the right rein and closing the right leg, the trooper turns his horse to the right. To open the right rein, the right wrist is carried, without turning it, more or less to the right, according

to the sensibility of the horse.

In opening the left rein, and closing the left leg, the trooper turns his horse to the left. To open the left rein, the left wrist is carried, without turning it, more or less to the left, according to the sensibility of the horse.

By lowering slightly the wrists, the horse is at iberty to move forward; the closing the legs de-

ermines the movement.

## To march.

80.—The instructor commands:

- 1. Squad forward.
- 2. MARCH.

(Pl. 52, fig. B.) At the command squad j ward, elevate slightly the wrists, and close the le in order to "gather the horse."

At the command MARCH, lower slightly twrists, and close the legs more or less, according the sensibility of the horse. The horse havi obeyed, replace the wrists and the legs by grees.

281.—If the trooper did not gather his horse at the paratory command, the execution of the second common would be too abrupt or too slow.

If the trooper, at the command of execution, did commence by lowering the wrists, the horse would have the liberty necessary to enable him to move forws

If the trooper did not close equally the legs, the howould not move directly to the front; and if he did close them progressively, the horse would not obey w

feel successively the effect of each rein, according to his sensibility.

283.—If the trooper pressed the horse with the thighs

or legs, it would be difficult for him to stop.

If he did not use the two reins equally, and hold the legs equally near, the horse would stop in a diagonal position.

If the trooper used the reins with too much force and precipitation, the horse would stop suddenly and fall back.

# To turn to the right, and to the left.

284.—The instructor commands:

- 1. Squad to the right (or to the left).
- 2. MARCH.
- 3. HALT.

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(Pl. 52, fig. C.) At the command squad to the

right, gather the horse.

At the command MARCH, open the right rein, and close progressively the right leg. In order not to turn the horse too short, perform the movement upon a quarter of a circle of 3 paces. The movement being almost completed, diminish the effect of the rein and the right leg, supporting the horse at the same time with the left rein and leg to terminate the movement.

At the command HALT, elevate slightly the wrists, and hold the legs near, in order to keep the horse straight in the new direction; replace the wrists and the legs by degrees.

286.—If the trooper did not describe the arc of the

prescribed circle, the movement would be too much shortened.

If the trooper, towards the end of the movement, did not diminish the effect of the right rein and the right leg, by means of the left rein and left leg, the horse would perform more than a turn to the right.

# To turn-about to the right, and to the left.

286 —The instructor commands:

- 1. Squad to the right-about (or to the left-about).
  - 2. MARCH.
  - 3. HALT.

(Pl. 52, fig. D.) This movement is executed on the principles prescribed for the turn to the right or to the left, with this difference, that the horse should pass over a semicircle of 6 paces, and feed to the page.

- 1. Squad right oblique (or left oblique).
- 2. MARCH.
- 3. HALT.

(Pl. 52, fig. E.) At the command Squad right

oblique, gather the horse.

At the command MARCH, open a little the right rein, and close slightly the right leg, in order to make the horse execute a quarter turn to the right; cause the horse to feel, almost at the same time, the effect of the rein and the left leg, to terminate the movement without increasing the degree of obliquity.

At the command HALT, elevate slightly the wrists and close the legs, to keep the direction of the quarter-turn to the right; replace the wrists

and the legs by degrees.

The instructor commands HALT, almost immediately after the command MARCH; he does not require great exactness in this movement, the object of which is, to give the trooper the first idea of the oblique direction.

289.—The movements detailed, Nos. 284, 286, and 288, after having been executed to the right, are executed to the left, according to the same principles, but by inverse means.

# To rein-back, and to cease reining-back.

290.—The instructor commands:

- 1. Squad—Backwards.
- 2. MARCH.
- 3. Squad.
- 4. HALT.

At the command Squad backwards, gatherhorse.

At the command MARCH, keep a firm sea vate the wrists, and close the legs. As so the horse obeys, lower and elevate success the wrists, which is called yielding and che If the horse throws the haunches to the close the right leg; if he throws them to the close the left leg. If these means are not cient to replace the horse in his proper por open the rein on the side towards which the throws his haunches causing him to feel, a same time, slightly, the effect of the opposite

At the command squad, the trooper prepar

stop.

At the command HALT, lower the wrists close the legs. The horse having obeyed, rethe wrists and the legs by degrees.

291.—If the trooper did not keep a firm seat, he incline forward, from the effect of the movement a horse.

If, instead of lowering and elevating the wrists nately, the trooper were to prolong the effect of the l the horse would step back suddenly, and would cr throw himself upon his haunches.

## To dismount.

292.—The instructor causes the stirrups to be let and the feet put in them. He then commands:

#### 1. PREPARE TO DISMOUNT.

1 time, 2 motions.

(Pl. 52, fig. F.) 1. At the command PREPARE TO DISMOUNT, Nos. 1 and 3 of the front rank move forward 6 paces, Nos. 2 and 4 of the rear rank rein-back 4 paces, and keep themselves opposite their intervals. The troopers of each rank dress by the right. Pass the right rein of the snafhe into the left hand, the extremity of the reins leaving the hand on the side of the thumb.

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cannot fall back.

LANCERS.

Carry the lance, draw Seize the carbine with it from the boot; raise the right hand, at the it with the right hand, lower band; pass it pass it perpendicularly over the right shoulder over the neck of the diagonally, the muzzle horse, between the reins in the air, so that it and the body, and rest an instant at this point; allow it to slip to the ground, the butt at 1 foot in front of the left foot of the horse, and seize it with the left hand.

Seize the reins of the snuffle (or of the curbbridle) above and near the left thumb with the right hand, the nails downward, and place this hand upon the right holster. Disengage the right bot from the stirrup, and seize with the left hand a lock of the mane over the reins. (La without letting go the lance.

#### DISMOUNT.

### 1 time, 2 motions.

1. At the command DISMOUNT, rise upon left stirrup; pass the right leg extended own croup of the horse, without touching him bring the right thigh near to the left, the well sustained; place at the same time the hand upon the cantle of the saddle, slipping along the reins without letting them go; delightly to the ground, the body erect, the upon the same line. Let go the mane with left hand; engage the extremity of the reinth left cloak-strap with the right hand, then seizes the left rein. (Lancer), hold a the lance at the height of the neck.

2. Make a face and 2 steps to the left ste off with the left foot; slip the right hand the left rein, seize with the same hand both at 6 inches from the mouth of the horse, the downward, and take the position of the troop

fore mounting.

For the detail and execution of the comman MOUNT, the instructor conforms to what is prescril the 1st paragraph of No. 269.

#### Form-RANKS.

At the last part of the command, whi RANKS, Nos. 1 and 3 of each rank elevate

ly the right hand to keep the horse quiet; Nos. 2 and 4 return to their intervals gently. (Lancer), in re-entering the intervals, raise the lance 2 inches from the ground, and replace it as prescribed, No. 267.

### To file off.

293.—The instructor commands:

- 1. By the right (or by the left)—FILE OFF.
- 2. MARCH.

At the last part of the first command, which is FILE OFF, hook up the sabre; use both hands to unhook the curb and unbuckle the nose-band; retake the reins with the right hand, and replace the left hand at the side.

(Lancer), let go the lance with the left hand, allowing it to fall in the hollow of the shoulder; hook up the sabre; use both hands to unhook the curb, and unbuckle the nose band; retake the reins in the right hand and the lance in the left, as prescribed, No. 266.

At the command MARCH, the trooper of the right, in each rank, steps off with the left foot, leading his horse to the front; he takes 4 steps, turns to the right, and marches in the new direction, holding at the same time the hand high and firm to prevent the horse from jumping. Each trooper in each rank, executes successively the same movement when the one who precedes him has moved 4 paces to the front.

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The troopers conform to the same princip file off by the left.

#### SECOND PART.

294.—The instructor may unite for this part lesson 8 troopers, but not more; they are placed same line 8 paces apart. The instructor requisitirrups to be crossed over the neck of the horse the trooper has mounted.

Two Corporals, or instructed troopers, are desi to be conductors; they are placed on the right the left of the troopers. They use their stirrups.

The instruction is divided into several stages, or cing alternately by the right and by the left.

# To march to the right hand march to the left hand.

295.—The instructor commands:

- 1. Squad to the right (or to the left).
- 2. MARCH.
- 3. FORWARD.

(Pl. 53, fig. A.) At the first and second mands, the troopers conform to what is prein order to execute a turn to the right from No. 284.

At the last command, which is FORWAI troopers, in lowering the wrists and closin legs, march straight forward, and follow the ductor.

At the extremity of the riding-house, th

rns to the right, then the troopers march ght hand, having between them the disfeet from head to croup.

The trooper marches to the right hand, as the right side towards the interior of g-house. He marches to the left hand, the left side.

ie instructor follows the trooper, keeping on of the track.

wes that their seat is not deranged, and warns aform with suppleness to all the motions of the

from one trooper to another, he occupies himively with all the details of the position of each. struct without confusing them.

## n to the right, and to the left, in marching.

ae troopers follow the conductor, and make, on the angles of the riding-house, a turn to the the left), in marching. The instructor directs to advance the outer haunch and shoulder, lining inward, in order to conform to the movee horse.

## To halt, and to step off.

he troopers marching in column on one of the the instructor commands:

- 1. Squad. 2. HALT.



The troopers stop as prescribed, No. 282.

To re-commence the march, the instructor commands:

- Squad forward.
   MARCH.

The troopers move forward as prescribed, No. 280 and 300. The instructor causes the squad frequently to stop and to move off, to habituate the troopers in conducting their horses; he observes that they do not incline the body too much forward at the moment of stopping, and that they do not lean back at the moment of starting. the troopers have stopped, he rectifies their position.

### To pass from the walk to the trot, and from the trot to the walk.

301.-The troopers becoming habituated to the movement of the horse, the instructor causes them to pass to the trot. When they are in column upon one of the long sides, he commands:

ioderate trot, that the men may not lose their

them understand that it is in remaining well n relaxing, measurably, all the parts of the illy the thighs and legs, that they can acquire y ease and solidity. He observes also that hear too much upon the reins in this gait. herceives that their position is deranged, he to resume the walk, and even to stop.

pass from the trot to the walk, the instructor

- 1. Walk.
- 2. MARCH.

ommand walk, gather the horse without a gait.
ommand MARCH, elevate the wrists by 1 hold the legs near, in order to presorse from stopping. As soon as the s, replace the wrists and the legs by

## Changes of hand.

en the troopers have marched some time to d (or to the left hand), to make them change e breadth of the riding-house, without stop-tructor commands:

. Right (or left)—TURN. FORWARD.

fig. B.) At the last part of the first

command, which is TURN, the conductor tur

At the last command, which is FORWAR moves straight forward and crosses the r house in its breadth, followed by the other pers.

The conductor being at two paces from the optrack, the instructor commands:

- 1. Left (or right)—TURN.
- 2. FORWARD.

At the last part of the first command, wh TURN, the conductor turns to the left; and last command, which is FORWARD, he follow track.

All the other troopers turn successively as same ground.

The instructor causes these changes of hand to cuted at a walk, and at a trot.

## To cross the reins alternately in two hands, and to separate 1 in marching.

305.—The instructor causes the reins to be cros separated in marching, as prescribed, Nos. 274, 2 276.

The trooper, whether to cross or separa reins, eught to avoid acting abruptly; he keep the legs near, to keep from slackening the

The reins being crossed, the trooper, in order to turn to the right, carries the hand forward and to the right; to turn to the left, he carries the hand forward and to the left, the nails always downward.

## To turn to the right and to the left by trooper, in marching.

306.—The troopers marching in column, and having arrived about the middle of one of the long sides, the instructor commands:

- 1. Squad to the right (or to the left).
- 2. MARCH.
- 3. FORWARD.

(Pl. 54, fig. A.) At the command squad to the right, gather the horse.

At the command MARCH, each trooper executes

a turn to the right in marching.

At the last command, which is FORWARD, each trooper moves straight to the front.

The troopers being at two paces from the opposite track, the instructor commands:

- 1. Squad to the right (or to the left).
- 2. March.
- 3. FORWARD.

At the command MARCH, each trooper execute

a turn to the right, following the same prine and at the last command, which is FORWAL return to the track.

The same movements are repeated to resume the in which the troopers were originally.

## To turn-about to the right and to left by trooper, in marching or same line.

307.—The troopers having made a turn to the ri has just been explained, and having arrived near posite track, the instructor commands;

- 1. Squad to the right-about (or to the about).
  - 2. MARCH.
  - 3. FORWARD.

(Pl. 54, fig. B.) At the command squad

right-about, gather the horse.

At the command MARCH, each trooper exa turn-about to the right in marching, fol the principles prescribed, No. 286.

At the last command, which is FORWARI

trooper moves directly to the front.

The instructor gives the command MARCH, at a ment the troopers are within 2 paces of the trac troopers are then reformed in column upon the o track, by the movement of squad to the right (or left).

a-about to the right and to the by trooper, in marching in mn.

te troopers marching in column, and the conng arrived near the end of one of the long sides g-house, the instructor commands:

ad to the right-about (or to the left-

RCH. WARD.

, fig. C.) At the command squad to the t, gather the horse. command MARCH, each trooper executes

ut to the right in marching.

last command, which is FORWARD, each oves forward.

ing at the opposite short side, the conductor e left without command; the squad returns to a which it was originally, in executing the inment.

ne object of the turns to the right, to the left, -about, and to the left-about, in this lesson, is e the troopers to turning in all directions their instructor causes these movements to be exevalt only; he not only observes the squad genwatches and rectifies with the greatest care the loyed by each trooper in turning his horse. nstruction to the right hand, the turns to the to the right-about, are executed; and in the left hand, those to the left, and to the left-about. copers have become accustomed to these move-

ments, the instructor causes them to be executed in returning to the tracks, by turns to the right or to the left, without having regard to the change of hand.

310. - To rest the squad, the instructor causes the troopers to turn to the right, or to the left, when they are about the middle of one of the long sides of the riding-house, and gives the command HALT when they are out of the track.

The instruction is re-commenced by a turn to the right

or to the left.

To terminate the drill, the stirrups are let down and the feet placed in them, when the instructor commands the troopers to dismount and file off.

### SECOND LESSON.

1ST PART.

2D PART.

Of the spur.

Length of the

the riding-

inge of direc- column. obliquely by er.

liagonally.

march in a

change hands e circle.

the riding- to the right or to the left, the troopinge of directers marching on n the length the same line.

To turn-about to the right or to inge of direc- the left, the troopers marching in

To pass successively from the head to the of the column.

Being halted, to commence move at a trot.

Marching at a trot, to halt.

To pass from the trot to the trot-out, and from the trot-out to the trot.



To pass fi the trot to the lop.

To passage the right or to left, the head the wall.

To passage the right or to left, being in lumn.

811.—Before the troopers are exercised in secolumns, Corporals, or instructed troopers, to serve a ductors, are placed at the head and rear of each.

When the troopers begin to execute this lesson cor the instructor changes their horses each day of thein tion, to give them the habit of managing different h

312.—During the rests, the instructor exercise troopers in vaulting on and from their horses, we commands.

To leap to the ground; the trooper, he the reins of the snaffle as prescribed, No. seizes with the left hand a lock of the manfingers well closed; places the right hand the pommel, raises himself upon the wrists, I the right thigh to the side of the left, remain his position, and descends lightly to the

on the horse; the trooper seizes the the left hand, places the right hand is the reins upon the pommel of the ings lively, raising himself upon the remains an instant in this position, and elf lightly in the saddle.

instructor sometimes gives the command to ing, in order to calm the horses after a quick elieve the troopers who may become fatigued. ist in marching, the troopers relax themselves without changing the pace and without losing. The conductors always regulate the march vements in this lesson are explained in detail they are executed by the left according to sciples, but by inverse means.

#### FIRST PART.

m 12 to 16 troopers are united; they are in, forage cap, and boots with spurs.

3 are saddled and in the snaffle.

ers are placed in two ranks opened, with 6

e, and the horses at 1 foot from each other.

Is place themselves beforehand at this same I serve as the base in the formation of each

ctor makes the troopers count off by fours, as to. 174; he then orders them to mount in two escribed, No. 268, and causes the stirrups to



## Of the spur.

315.—The instructor explains to the troopers the use and the effect of the spur.

If the horse does not obey the legs, it is neces-

sary to employ the spur.

The spur is not an aid, it is a means of chastising. It is only necessary to use it occasionally, but always vigorously, and at the moment the horse commits the fault.

In order to use the spurs, it is necessary to keep steady the body, the waist, and the wrists; to cling to the horse with the thighs, and the calves of the legs; turn the point of the feet a little out; lower a little the wrists; press the spurs close behind the girths, without moving the body, and let them remain there until the horse obeys; replace then the wrists and the legs by degrees.

When the treeners employ the snur the instructor of

e command MARCH, the trooper on the each rank executes a turn to the right, es forward, the trooper of the rear rank ing in marching to within 1 foot of the e front rank.

movement is executed by all the other successively.

# arch to the right hand, or to the left hand.

n entering the riding-house, the instructor marchad parallel to the long sides, and when the head amn arrives towards the middle, he commands:

Right and left—Turn. FORWARD.

5, fig. B.) The conductor of the front ns to the left, the one of the rear rank the right; when the conductors have arthin 2 paces of the track, the instructor ls: 1. Right—TURN. 2. FORWARD. The must hen march to the right hand, and at pace.

opers preserve the distance of 4 feet from head

iductors regulate the pace of their horses so as at the same time at the opposite angles of the use, the conductor of the rear rank regulating a him of the front.

structor observes that the position of the troopes more and more regular; that they march at a

free and even pace; that they keep their horses straight and look constantly before them in order to maintain themselves in the direction of the conductors; that they preserve their distances, and recover them gradually when lost.

318.—A horse is straight, when his shoulders

and haunches are upon the same line.

If in marching to the right the horse carries his shoulders to the right, it is necessary to open a little the left rein, and to hold the right leg near.

If the horse carries his haunches to the right, close a little the right leg and feel lightly the left

rein.

If the horse casts himself towards the interior of the riding-house, to replace him on the track, open the outer rein and close the inner leg.

319.—The instructor reminds the troopers of the principles prescribed, No. 298, to turn to the right or to the left, and directs them to gather their horses a little before arriving at each corner.

The horses should not enter the corners too far, neither should they commence the turn too soon. To pass a corner Whenever the change is made from a slow gnit to one more rapid, as from the walk to the trot, it is necessary to commence slowly, and increase it gradually to the degree prescribed.

The troopers marching in column at the trot upon the long sides, the instructor causes them to pass to the walk.

Whenever the change is made from a lively gait to one more slow, as from the trot to the walk, it is necessary to commence the last gait as gradually as possible, and to reduce it by little and little to the degree indicated.

The squad passes frequently from the walk to the trot, and from the trot to the walk, in order to accustom the troopers to the changes of gait.

# Change of direction in the breadth of the riding-house.

821.—The instructor causes the change of direction in the breadth of the riding-house, as prescribed for the changes of hand, No. 804, taking care to give the command in sufficient time to prevent the columns from meeting at the end of the change of direction.

(Pl. 56, fig. A.) The change of direction ought to be executed so as neither to stop nor check the rear of the column; the troopers, and particularly the conductors, ought to turn without slackening the pace, aiding themselves not only with their hands, but also with their legs.

## Change of direction in the length of the riding-house.

322.—(Pl. 56, fig. B.) This change of direction is executed on the same principles as that in the breadth of the riding-house, the instructor observing, in order to commence it, to command right or left, at the instant the conductors arrive at the first angle of the riding-house, and to command TURN, when having passed the corner they are at 3 paces from the middle of the short side.

The troopers then cross the riding-house in its length, in a right line, without touching each other, passing to the left, and re-enter upon the track at the commands:

1. Right (or left)-TURN. 2. FORWARD.

## Change of direction diagonally.

323.—When the conductors have passed the second corner, and have arrived upon the long sides, the instructor causes to be executed a diagonal change of direction at the commands:

All the other troopers execute successively the same movement, in turning upon the same ground on which the conductors have turned.

The instructor gives the command forward, in sufficient time for the conductors to make a half-turn to the right or to the left.

## Change of direction obliquely by trooper.

324.—The squad commences a change of direction in the length of the riding-house; and as soon as all the troopers have turned, and are in the same direction, the instructor commands:

- Column.
   HALT.

(Pl. 57, fig. B.) The troopers stop at the same time, keeping their horses straight, and at their distances.

The instructor causes the troopers to make a quarterturn to the right or to the left from a halt, as prescribed, No. 288.

This movement being executed, the instructor assures himself of the exactness of the directions and the intervals. and then commands:

- 1. Squad forward.
- 2. MARCH.

The troopers march at the same gait, each in the direction he has taken.

When they arrive at 1 foot from the track, the instructor commands:

#### FORWARD.

At this command, make a quarter-turn to the left in advancing, with the hand light and the legs near, in order to follow the track.

The instructor causes these movements to be repeated without halting; for this purpose, after having commenced the change of direction in the length of the riding-house, as soon as the two ranks are in column, he commands:

- 1. Squad right (or left) oblique.
- 2. March.
- 3. FORWARD.

At the command squad right oblique, gather the horse.

At the command MARCH, execute a quarter-turn to the right : having taken this direction keep the

### To march in a circle.

326.—When the conductors have passed over about a third of the long sides, the instructor commands:

- 1. In circle to the right (or to the left).
- 2. MARCH.

(Pl. 58, fig. A.) At the command in circle to the right, the conductors, and successively the

troopers, gather their horses.

At the command MARCH, the conductors describe a circle between the two tracks; they are followed by the other troopers who march exactly in the same direction.

327.—Every horse which exercises in the circle cought to be bent towards the line he is to pass over. For this purpose, the trooper keeps him in the direction of this line with the inner rein, supporting him at the same time with the leg on that side. The effect of the inner rein ought to be modified by that of the outer, and the haunches should be kept in by the outer leg.

328.—If the trooper did not feel a little more the inner than the outer rein, the horse would leave the circular line; and if he did not sustain him with the outer rein, the horse would describe a smaller circle.

If the trooper did not close a little more the inner than the outer leg, the haunches of the horse would not pass the same points as the shoulders; and if he did not close slightly the outer leg, the haunches would be thrown out the circle.

## To change hand on the circle.

329.-The instructor commands:

1. Right (or left)-Turn.

2. FORWARD.

(Pl. 58, fig. B.) At the last part of the first command, which is TURN, the conductors turn to

the right.

At the second command, which is FORWARD, they move straight forward, directing themselves, in passing the centre, towards the opposite point of the circumference.

When the conductors are at 2 paces from this point, the instructor commands: When the instructor wishes to resume the exercise upon the right line, he takes care that the conductors are at opposite points of the circumference; and when they arrive on the track of the long sides, he commands:

#### FORWARD.

At this command the conductors straighten their horses and re-enter on the tracks, followed by the other troopers.

330.—(Pl. 59, fig. A.) To reunite the troopers in order to conduct them to the quarters, the instructor causes them to close to the distance of 2 feet; he then orders a change of direction in the breadth of the riding-house, at the moment the conductors are opposite to each other.

When the conductors, in the act of meeting each other, arrive towards the middle of the riding-house, the instructor commands: 1. Left and right—TURN. 2. FORWARD. The conductor of the front rank turns to the left, and the one of the rear rank to the right, the two columns thus reunite, the troopers of the rear rank approaching to within one pace of those of the front.

The column having arrived in the yard of the quarters, the instructor commands:

- 1. FRONT.
- 2. HALT.

(Pl. 59, fig. B.) At the command front, the first trooper of each rank turns to the left and moves straight forward.

At the command HALT, the trooper of the front rank stops; also the trooper of the rear rank, when he finds himself at 2 feet from him of the front rank.

All the other troopers execute a turn to the successively, when they are nearly opposite place they are to occupy in the rank, and pabreast of this rank.

To terminate the exercise, the instructor gives command to dismount in two ranks, and to file of prescribed, Nos. 292 and 298.

#### SECOND PART.

## Length of the stirrups.

831.—Having commenced the exercise, the instra assures himself that the stirrups are properly adjust. They are of the proper length if, when the tro raises himself on the stirrups, there is a space inches between the fork and the saddle.

## Position of the foot in the stirru

332.—(Pl. 60.) The stirrup should sup only the weight of the leg; the foot ought to inserted one-third of its length, the heel lower the toe.

The stirrup should support only the weight of the if the trooper bore too much upon the stirrups, his would be deranged as well as the position of the and the justness of their action would be impaired.

The foot ought to be inserted one-third of its lengt the trooper did not insert the foot sufficiently far in stirrup, he would risk losing them, particularly do the lively gaits. If the foot were inserted too far, the

legs would not fall naturally.

The heel lower than the toe: that the foot may keep the stirm without effort and without stiffness; that the play of the joint with the leg may remain free, and that the spur being further removed from the horse, there is less danger of its being improperly employed.

# To turn to the right or to the left, by trooper, in marching.

333.—The instructor causes this movement to be executed as prescribed, No. 206, at the commands: 1. Squad to the right; 2. March; 3. Forward: observing that the troopers marching in two columns, the preparatory command ought to be given so as to command March at the moment the conductors arrive opposite to the last trooper but one of the other column.

(Pl. 61, fig. A.) Immediately after the command FORWARD, the troopers move straight forward, preserving their gait and their direction, so that each one may find before him the interval and the place he is to occupy in the column on the opposite track.

In passing into the intervals, the legs should be kept near, to prevent the horse slackening his

gait.

The instructor attaches much less importance to the miformity of these movements, than to the manner in which each trooper conducts his horse.

To turn-about to the right, or to the left, the troopers marching on the same line.

334.—(Pl. 61, fig. B.) The instructor causes these movements to be executed as prescribed, No. 307, always requiring more regularity.

To turn about to the right, or to the left, the troopers marching in column.

335.—The instructor causes these movements to be executed as prescribed, No. 308.

rear of the column; each one, becoming in his turn conductor, regulates himself accordingly.

This movement is executed successively in the two columns, at a simple warning from the instructor, by two

right-about (or left-about) turns.

The trooper designated to pass to the rear of the column, gathers his horse and executes the movement in advancing, so as not to retard those who are behind him. He holds the outer leg near, in order not to describe a semi-circle of more than six paces; he marches then parallel to the column, and when he has re-entered upon the track by a second turn, he closes to the distance of 4 feet from the last trooper.

The trooper who follows and who becomes conductor, should gather his horse and direct him with the outer rein and the inner leg, to prevent his following the horse which has left the co-

lumn.

The instructor also requires the troopers to leave the column, without commencing at the head. In this case, he directs the troopers who follow the one designated, to close to the prescribed distance; or if he thinks proper, in order to habituate the troopers to holding in their horses, he causes the place of the absent trooper to continue vacant. When the troopers have been thus misplaced, the instructor halts the squad, and directs each trooper to return to his place before passing to another movement.

# Being halted, to commence the move at a trot.

**837.**—The troopers being in column upon the long sides, the instructor commands:

- 1. Column forward.
- 2. Trot.
- 3. MARCH.

At the command trot, gather the horse.

At the command MARCH, lower the wrists and close the legs progressively; as soon as the horse obeys, replace the wrists and the legs by degrees.

## Marching at a trot, to halt.

338.—The troopers marching at a trot, and in column, upon the long sides, the instructor commands:

- 1. Column.
- 2. HALT.

At the command column, gather the horse.

At the command HALT, elevate the wrists by degrees, until the horse stops; and hold the legs always near to keep him straight and to prevent

#### TROT-OUT.

At this command, lower a little the wrists and close the legs progressively; as soon as the horse obeys, replace the wrists and the legs by defrees.

The gait being lengthened to a suitable degree, the instructor sees that the troopers keep their horses up to it.

He pays particular attention to the position of the troopers. He reminds them that it is in holding the body erect, having a light hand, the loins supple, and in allowing the thighs and legs to fall naturally, they can diminish the effect of the reactions of the horse, and conform more readily to all his motions.

To prevent the horses from over-reaching, it is necessary to raise the wrists and close more or less the legs.

The lengthened gait is executed only during one or two turns towards each hand; in continuing it longer, the horses lose their steadiness, and the equality of their gaits is destroyed.

340.—To pass from the trot-out to the trot, the instructor commands:

#### SLOW TROT.

At this command, elevate the wrists by degrees and close the legs, to prevent the horse from taking the walk; as soon as the horse obeys, replace the wrists and the legs by degrees.

To pass from the trot to the gallop.

341.—When the troopers have acquired some supple-

and regular position, the instructor causes them to make a few turns at the gallop. He does not explain to them at first the mechanism of this gait, neither the means of assuring its regularity; he only requires that each trooper accommodates himself to the motions of his horse without losing his seat.

Before commencing this exercise, and when the rear rank arrives upon one of the short sides of the riding-house, it is formed, by causing the troopers to front and half, as prescribed, No. 330, paying attention to make them

move forward 6 paces from the track.

The troopers of the front rank continue to march, take between them the distance of 4 paces, pass to the trot, and commence successively the gallop, at the indication of the instructor, as follows:

On approaching the corner, lengthen the trot, and gather the horse, feeling slightly the left rein in order to keep back the left shoulder, and leave the right shoulder entirely free. g sides, the instructor causes to be executed the moveit squad to the right, or to the left, as prescribed, No.; but he causes the troopers to halt when the horses the opposite track, their heads to the wall, and he imands:

- 1. Right (or left) pass.
- 2. MARCH.
- 3. Squad.
- 4. HALT.

Pl. 62, fig. A.) At the command right pass, r the shoulders of the horse to the right, in opena little the right rein, and closing the right leg. This movement is only preparatory; it indicates the trooper that the shoulders of his horse should ays commence the march, and precede the movent of the haunches.

At the command MARCH, open the right rein to line the horse to the right, closing at the same e the left leg that the haunches may follow, hout leaning the body to the left; make use of left rein and the right leg to support the horse l moderate his movement.

After some steps upon the side, the instructor halts squad.

At the command HALT, cause to cease insensibly effect of the right rein and the left leg, emying the opposite rein and leg; straighten the se and replace the wrists and legs by degrees.

'o passage to the left, and to halt, employ the same noiples and inverse means.

343.—The instructor causes this movement to be executed in the commencement by each man separately, and then by all at the same time. He explains to each one the means to be employed.

The trooper should hold his horse obliquely to the track, to render his movement more easy. He ought to commence this movement moderately, and look to the side towards which he passes, without inclining the body to the opposite side, which would derange his seat and constrain the movement of the horse.

The horse having obeyed the aids, the trooper

should keep up the effect by gentle means.

If the horse turns from his oblique direction, the trooper should correct it by augmenting the effect of the left rein and leg.

If on the contrary the horse talence a modition

it is generally the constraint that he experis when the movement of the shoulders does not de that of the haunches, which causes him to

# passage to the right or to the left, being in column.

l.—(Pl. 62, fig. B.) After having executed the pas, the head to the wall, the troopers having returned track, and marching to the right hand or to the left the instructor orders a change of direction in the of the riding-house; and when the two columns are side of each other, he halts them and causes them cute passage to the right (or to the left).

en the troopers have nearly arrived at the track,

structor halts them again.

e horses being quieted, he orders the passage to the and each trooper returns to the place he occupied besalting, in the middle of the riding house.

en the troopers have reached the track, the instructay, if he thinks proper, cause them to march in upon this same track, in order not to keep the stoo long at the movement of passing.

i.—When the troopers have passed, the head to the the instructor causes them sometimes to rein back p cease reining back, as prescribed, No. 290.

i.—During the last days of this lesson, the instructor res, from time to time, the reins to be crossed in the and, so that the troopers, conducting their horses this hand alone, may be somewhat prepared for the less in the curb-bridle; he observes that each trooper himself square upon the horse.

347.—To terminate the lesson and return to the ters, the instructor conforms to what is prescribe 330.

### THIRD LESSON.

IST PART. 2D PART. Position of the Principles o gallop. bridle-hand. Exercise at To adjust the gallop upon reins lines. To take the Exercise at snaffle in the right gallop on the hand.

FROM A HALT.

o turn to the o turn to the o turn-about he right. 'o turn-about the left. To make arter-turn to : right. To make arter-turn to e left. To rein-back, d to cease reing back.

Exercise of the lesson with the arb-bridle.

To take the naffle in the left and.

To drop the snaffle.

To passage to the right or to the left.

#### FIRST PART.

348.—The same number of troopers are united as for the second lesson. Their dress is also the same.

The horses are saddled and in both curb and snaffle. In all other respects conform to what is prescribed, No. 311,

and following.

The troopers are conducted to the riding-house as prescribed, No. 316. The first time they exercise in this lesson, they conduct their horses to the riding-house with the snaffle, which is held in the right hand, the reins of the curb in the left hand.

In entering the riding-house the instructor conforms to what is prescribed, No. 317, and when the two columns pove the pommel of the saddle, the fingers 6 inches om, and turned towards the body; the little finger little nearer the body than the upper part of the rist, the right hand at the side.

## To adjust the reins.

350.—The instructor commands:



#### 2 times.

- 1. At the first part of the command, which is djust, seize the reins with the thumb and forenger of the right hand, above and near the left numb; raise them perpendicularly, slipping the ght hand up to the button; the other fingers cen, the nails to the front, the elbow 6 inches wer than the hand; half open the fingers of the ft hand, the thumb elevated in order to equalize the reins; bear lightly on the bit, and hold the legs car.
- 2. At the last part of the command, which is EINS, close the left hand; let fall the reins and le right hand to the right side, and relax the gs.

# To take the snaffle in the right hand.

851.—The instructor commands:

Snaffle-In RIGHT HAND.

1 time.

At the last part of the command, which is IN RIGHT HAND, grasp the snaffle at the middle of the reins, with the four fingers of the right hand, the nails downward, without lowering the body; hold the reins of the snaffle over those of the curb, and lower the left hand so as not to bear upon the bit.

352.—In using alternately the curb and snaffle, the trooper relieves the bars of the horse's mouth; he should never use both at the same time.

The troopers are required to take the snaffle in the right hand during the commencement of the exercise in the curbbridle, in order to make the change of position of the rider less abrupt, and to bring up his right side, which is apt to remain in rear.

# To drop the snaffle.

353 .- The instructor commands:

Dron-SNAFFLE.

; in raising it still more, the gait is made ir. By increasing the effect of the hand, the is stopped; if increased still more, the horse ned back.

lowering slightly the hand, the horse is at

ty to move forward.

carrying the hand forward and to the right, torse is turned to the right.

carrying the hand forward and to the left, the

is turned to the left.

s soon as the horse obeys, the bridle-hand re-

s its original position.

all the movements of the hand, the arm should reely, without communicating constraint to the lder or body; the effect of the curb being more rful than that of the snaffle, it should be used ressively, particularly in stopping and reining

e instructor causes the following movements to be ited, by the commands prescribed in the first lesson.

# To gather the horse.

55. — Elevate slightly the hand, drawing it he same time towards the body, and close the

### To march.

56.—Lower slightly the hand, the wrist always site the middle of the body, and close the legs

progressively. As soon as the horse obeys, rep the hand and legs by degrees.

### To halt.

357.—The trooper braces himself in the sad elevate the hand by degrees in drawing it is wards the body, and close the legs to keep the a straight and prevent him from stepping back. soon as the horse obeys, replace the hand and legs by degrees.

# To turn to the right.

358.—Carry the hand forward and to the r according to the sensibility of the horse; close right leg, the left leg held near to sustain him. movement being nearly finished, replace the and the legs by degrees.

### To turn to the left.

359.—Carry the hand forward and to the according to the sensibility of the horse; closs left leg, the right leg held near to sustain him. movement being nearly finished, replace the and legs by degrees.

# 1-about to the right and to the left.

The same principles as prescribed to exe-1 to the right, or to the left, observing to 2 semi-circle.

### ce a quarter-turn to the right, and to the left.

The same principles as prescribed to exeto the right, or to the left, observing ovement of the hand does not require the o more than make a quarter-turn to the o the left.

# back, and to cease reining

The same principles as prescribed for the ving as soon as the horse obeys, to lower he hand alternately, that the movement gular.

reining back, relax the effect of the hand he legs; as soon as the horse obeys, reland and the legs by degrees.

e instructor does not require these different to be executed simultaneously, but observes

representative the manner in which each trooper employs the male-rand. He always rectifies its position before passing from the moment transition.

# Exercise of the 2d lesson with the curb-bridle.

When the troopers begin to understand the model as followed in the instructor causes them to more long in the track, first in the walk, and then at the long troopers the squail frequently to halt, to move the relationship irrection, and to execute successively the life from moments of the second lesson, observing that said trooper makes an exact application of the principles prescribed when it i halt.

The habitant first with the troopers being to carry the left han if rward, and to throw back the right shoulder, the instruct r is particular in requiring them to keep the han i allowe the commel of the saddle without deranging the position of the body.

# To drop the snaffle.

The instructor commands:

## Drop-Snaffle.

1 time.

elast part of the command, which is SNAPgo the snaffle without inclining the body, ke the position of the bridle-hand, at the le adjusting the reins.

structor does not cause the snaffle to be taken in and until the troopers have acquired the habit ting their horses with the curb-bridle.

# sage to the right, or to the left.

The instructor causes the squad to passage to or to the left, the head to the wall and in column, ig to the principles prescribed, Nos. 342, 343,

ssage to the right, bear the shoulders of the the right, by inclining the hand forward he right; close the left leg that the haunches ow, keep the right leg near, to sustain the

ler to cease passaging, straighten the horse, right leg near, and replace the hand and by degrees.

ssage to the left, and to cease passaging, he same principles but inverse means.

#### SECOND PART.

# Principles of the gallop.

368.—(Pl. 63, fig. A.) A horse gallops on the foot, when the right fore and hind-leg move in adwar the left fore and hind-leg. This gait is generally dinto three distinct times or treads. The lat tip marked by the left hind-foot which reaches the gr first; the 2d by the left fore and right hind-foot which at the same instant, and the 3d by the right fore-fore

(Pl. 64, fig. A.) A horse gallops on the left foot the left fore and hind-leg move in advance of the fore and hind-leg. In this case, the right hind-foot reaches the ground, then the right fore and left hind-

and lastly the left fore-foot.

A horse gallops true when he gallops on the right in exercising or turning to the right hand, and on the foot, in exercising or turning to the left hand.

A horse gallops false when he gallops on the left in exercising or turning to the right hand, and a right foot, in exercising or turning to the left hand.

A horse is "disunited" when he gallops with the fore-leg followed by the off hind-leg, or with the off

leg followed by the near hind-leg.

When the horse gallops on the right foot, the treexperiences in his position a sensible movement from to left.

When the horse gallops on the left foot, the treexperiences a sensible movement in his position from

to right.

When the horse is disunited, the trooper experiin his position irregular movements; the centre of gr of the horse is deranged and his strength impaired.

# Exercise at the gallop upon right lines.

369.—When the troopers preserve in the second lesson their proper position at the gallop, they are taught to

hove off on a straight line, to either hand.

After the troopers of the rear rank are formed, as preeribed, No. 341, the instructor causes the men of the front rank to take the distance of 4 paces from each other: these troopers marching at the trot, and to the right hand upon one of the long sides, the instructor commands:

- 1. Gallop.
- 2. MARCH.

At the command GALLOP, gather the borse and

keep him perfectly straight.

At the command MARCH, carry the hand slightly forward and to the left, to enable the right shoulder to move in advance of the left, and close the legs behind the girths in order to urge the horse forward, causing him to feel lightly the effect of the left leg. The horse having obeyed, hold a light hand and the legs near, to keep him at his gait.

870.—The instructor requires the troopers to be perfectly calm, to conduct their horses with mildness, and Particularly to preserve a light hand that the gallop may

be free and regular.

During the first days of the exercise at the gallop, the troopers are required to take the reins of the snaffle in the right hand, in order to calm their horses; this is discontinued when they have acquired the habit of managing them with the curb-bridle alone.

To preserve the movement of the horse true, it is necessary for the trooper to accommodate himself to all his motions, particularly in passing the corners, where the slightest derangement in the seat would render the action of the horse irregular.

When a horse gallops false, or is disunited, the trooper is ordered to take the trot and pass to the rear of the column, taking care not to interfere with those who follow. When he arrives at the rear he resumes the gallop, and the instructor explains to him again the means to be employed to keep the horse true.

371.—The troopers are permitted to make only a turn or two at the gallop to each hand, and always required to pass to the trot in order to change hand.

When the horses have become quiet, and the troopers begin to manage them well, the distance between them is gradually diminished to 4 feet.

The rear rank is carried through the same exercise, and then both ranks at the same time.

# Exercise at the gallop on the circle.

### FOURTH LESSON.

### 18T PART.

Exercise of the sabre only.

Manual of arms, at a halt.

To load the carbine.

To load the pis- all gaits. tol.

bine.

To fire the pistol.

Inspection of arms.

Sabre and lance exercise, at a halt.

#### 2D PART.

Exercise of the 3d lesson, with the 3d lesson, with all the arms.

> Manual of arms in marching.

> Sabre and the lance exercise, at

leap To To fire the car-ditch and the bar. Individual charge.

Target practice.

### FIRST PART.

374.—The same number of troopers compose the squas for the third lesson; their dress is also the same; thave their arms.

The instructor is mounted. He is assisted by two sistant-instructors.

These two assistant-instructors, also mounted, armed like the troopers, in order to execute the mar of arms, as given in detail by the instructor.

# Exercise of the 3d lesson, with t sabre only.

375.—The first days of the fourth lesson are emploin repeating all the movements of the third, the troop being armed with the sabre only. The troopers are a furnished with all the arms. They are required mount in executing the entire detail, prescribed, No.. Before commencing the manual of arms, a few movem at the walk and the trot are executed, in order to calm

nk is then formed on the left of the front, ovement. Each assistant-instructor places es in front of the centre of his rank, and

carbine in the boot, the instructor com-

Unsling—CARBINE.

1 time, 2 motions.

e last part of the command, which is ze the arm at the small of the stock ght hand, elevate it, seize it with the the lower band; turn the left wrist in towards the head of the horse, pass the left, between the reins and the ard to the left, the muzzle inclined to disengage the swivel from the right hand, repass the butt to the right, reins and the body; seize the arm at the stock with the right hand, letting left hand, and place the butt upon the uzzle elevated.

the piece with the right hand, place in the boot, pass the gun-strap twice small of the stock, buckle it with the at the same time supporting the butt, and adjust the reins.

isengage the carbine from the boot and structor commands:

Sling—CARBINE.

1 time, 2 motions.

1. At the last part of the command, which CARBINE, unbuckle the gun-strap with the hand, supporting the butt with the left hand; the piece at the small of the stock with the : hand, the nails under, disengage it from the elevate it, seize it with the left hand at the l band: turn the left wrist in carrying it tov the head of the horse; pass the butt to the lef tween the reins and the body, the guard to left, the muzzle inclined to the right; take swivel with the right hand, engage it in the ri repass the butt to the right, between the reins the body, seize the arm at the small of the with the right hand, letting go with the left place the butt upon the thigh, the muzzle vated.

9 Lawer the muzzle of the carbine ence

SABRE, draw quickly the sabre, raising the arm to its full length; hold the sabre in this position an instant, then carry it to the right shoulder, the back of the blade supported against the hollow of the shoulder, the wrist upon the top of the thigh, the little finger on the outside of the gripe.

#### Present-Sabre.

#### 1 time.

379.—At the last part of the command, which is SABRE, carry the sabre forward, the thumb opposite to and 6 inches from the neck, the blade perpendicular, the edge to the left, the thumb along the right side of the gripe, the little finger joined to the other three.

### Carry-SABRE.

#### 1 time.

380.—At the last part of the command, which is sabbe, replace the sabre, the back of the blade supported against the hollow of the shoulder, the wrist upon the upper part of the thigh, the littly finger outside of the gripe.

#### RETURN-SABRE.

#### 2 times.

- 381.—1. At the first part of the command, which is RETURN, execute the movement of present sabre.
  - 2. At the last part of the command, which is



SABRE, carry the wrist opposite to, and 6 in from the left shoulder, lower the blade in particle in the head slightly to the left, and fix the eyes the mouth of the scabbard; return the blade, engage the wrist from the sword-knot, turn head to the front, and adjust the reins.

### (Lancers.)

382.—The instructor commands:

Carry-LANCES.

As prescribed, No. 147.

383.—Rest—LANCES.

As prescribed, No. 146.

384.—The lancers are exercised, like all other t ers, at the manual of the sabre.

### To load the carbine.

(Dragoons, Chasseurs, and Hussars.)

385.-The instructor commands:

Advance-CARBINE.

1 time.

At the last part of the command, which is BINE, seize the carbine at the small of the : with the right hand, elevate it and place the

upon the thigh, the muzzle elevated, and the upper band opposite to the right shoulder.

886.—The instructor commands: Load in 10 times.

#### 1. LOAD.

At this command, place the carbine in the left hand, which seizes it below the lower band, the thumb along the stock, under the swivel-bar, the muzzle a little elevated and directed to the left; half-cock, remove the old cap if there be one, and carry the hand to the cap-box.

2. PRIME.

2. PRIME.
3. Handle—CARTRIDGE. As prescribed, Nos.
4. Tear—CARTRIDGE. 50, 57, and 58.

5. Cast-ABOUT.

At the last part of the command, which is ABOUT, turn the left wrist, advancing it towards the head of the horse; pass the butt to the left, between the reins and the body, in front of the holsters, the swivel-bar towards the body, the muzzle inclined to the right; seize the barrel of the piece 1 inch from the muzzle, with the two last fingers of the right hand, always holding the cartridge with the thumb and two first fingers.

- 6. Charge—Cartridge.
  7. Draw—Rambod.
  60, 61, 62, and 8. Ram—CARTRIDGE.
  9. Return—RAMROD.
- 10. Advance-CARRINE

At the last part of the command, which is CAR-BINE, turn again the left wrist, moving it towards the head of the horse; pass the butt to the right, between the reins and the body, seize the piece at the small of the stock with the right hand, letting go with the left, and come to the advance carbine.\*\*

387 .- The instructor commands:

Drop-CARBINE.

1 time.

At the last part of the command, which is CAR-

<sup>\*</sup> To load Hall's carbine, the instructor commands:

BINE, lower the muzzle of the carbine, and cast the butt to the rear.

# To load the pistol.

(Cuirassiers, Dragoons, Chasseurs, and Hussars.)

388.—The instructor commands:

Draw-PISTOL.

1 time.

At the last part of the command, which is PISTOL, pass the right hand under the reins, draw the pistol from its holster, elevate it, the guard to the front, the wrist at the height of, and 6 inches from the right shoulder, the first finger extended on the guard.

#### 3. Charge-Cartridge.

As in 3d time of loading on foot.

4. Prime.

1 time.

Fix the cap and let down the cock.

5. Advance—CARBINE. 1 time, 2 motions.

Turn again the butt to the right, between the reins and the body, seize the piece at the small of the stock with the right hand, and come to the advance carbine.

389 .- The instructor commands: Load in 10 times.

#### 1. LOAD.

At this command place the pistol in the left hand, the guard slightly turned out, the little finger touching the feather spring, the thumb upon the barrel, the muzzle slightly elevated and directed to the left, the right thumb against the pansteel above the flint, the fingers closed.

### 2. Open-PAN.

### 1 time.

At the last part of the command, which is PAN, open the pan by pushing forcibly against the steel with the right thumb and resisting with the left

#### 5. PRIME.

### 1 time, 2 motions.

1. At the command PRIME, lower the head, cast the eye upon the pan, fill it with powder, pinch the cartridge near the opening with the thumb and two first fingers; raise the head, and place the right hand behind the pan-steel, the two last fingers resting against it.

2. Shut the pan with the two last fingers, resisting with the left hand, the two first fingers and thumb still holding the cartridge; seize the small of the stock with the two last fingers and the palm

of the hand.

#### 6. Cast—About.

At the last part of the command, which is ABOUT, turn the left wrist, pass the butt to the left between the reins and the body, the lock to the front, the burnel inclined to the right; seize it with the two last fingers of the right hand, at 1 inch from the muzzle, always holding the cartridge with the thumb and two first fingers.

- 7. Charge—Cartridge. As prescribed for the 8. Draw—Rambod. carbine.
- 9. Ram—CARTRIDGE.

At the last part of the command, which is CART-MOGE, ram twice, draw out the ramrod, take it by the middle, return it in, forcing it down with the lad; repass the butt between the reins and the lad, and seize the pistol with the right hand at the mall of the stock.

#### 10. Raise—PISTOL

At the last part of the command, which TOL, raise the pistol with the right hand, go with the left, the guard to the front, that the height of, and 6 inches from the shoulder, the first finger extended under guard.

390.—The instructor commands:

Return-PISTOL.

1 time.

At the last part of the command, which TOL, lower the muzzle of the pistol and retur the holster, passing it under the reins.

#### Advance-CARBINE.

As prescribed, No. 385.

READY.

1 time.

At this command, let fall the carbine in the left hand, the muzzle elevated and directed to the left place the thumb on the head of the cock, the first finger upon the guard, the others behind it; cock the carbine with the right thumb, and return to the advance carbine.

#### AIM.

#### 1 time.

393.—At this command, carry the butt to the shoulder with the right hand, moving the left hand towards the head of the horse; support the carbine with the thumb and first finger of this hand at the lower band, the others closed in order to hold the reins without slackening them; place the first finger of the right hand upon the trigger, and aim at the height of a man's waist.

FIRE.

#### 1 time.

and the second second

394.—At the command fire, press the first finger against the trigger, and fire without deranging the position of the carbine; return then to the position of the first time in loading, No. 386, to

thumb of the right hand upon the cocl finger upon the trigger.

Advance—CARBINE.

1 time.

395.—At the last part of the comma is CARBINE, come to the position of add bine.

Drop-CARBINE.

As prescribed, No. 387.

To fire the pistol.



extended; place the first finger upon the e guard a little inclined to the right, the ected to the height of a man's waist.

FIRE.

1 time.

At the command FIRE, press the first n the trigger, and fire without deranging n of the pistol; return then to the posite first time in loading, No. 389, the 1b upon the cock, the first finger upon the

Raise—Pistol.

1 time.

At the last part of the command, which is alf cock the pistol, shut the pan, and reposition of raise pistol.

Return-PISTOL.

cribed, No. 390.

after having fired the carbine, or pistol, the vishes the squad to reload, he commands:

LOAD.

command, execute the load at will, and saition of advance carbine, or raise pistol; ness either to cock the arm or replace it mand of the instructor.

# Inspection of arms.

(Dragoons, Chasseurs, and Hussars.)

401.-The instructor commands:

Inspection-(of) CARBINE.

1 time, 5 motions.

1. At the last part of the command, which is CARBINE, take the position of advance carbine.

2. Place the carbine in the left hand, pass it to the left, as prescribed at the fifth time in loading, draw the ramrod, as prescribed at the seventh time in loading, let it slide into the barrel, and carry the right hand to the side.

3. With the right hand raise the ramrod half

### (Lancers.)

402.—The instructor commands:

### Inspection—(of) LANCES.

### 1 time, 4 motions.

1. At the last part of the command, which is LANCES, carry the lance.

2. Charge lance, as prescribed, No. 148.

3. Turn the wrist, the nails downward, in order to show the other side of the blade.

4. Take the position of rest lance, prescribed, No. 146.

(Cuirassiers, Dragoons, Chasseurs, Hussars, and Lancers.)

403.—The instructor commands:

### Inspection—(of) PISTOL.

### 1 time, 5 motions.

1. At the last part of the command, which is

PISTOL, draw pistol.

2. Place the pistol in the left hand, which holds it perpendicularly at the small of the stock, the lock to the front; draw the ramrod, put it in the harrel, and replace the right hand at the side.

3. With the right hand raise the ramrod half is length, let it fall again into the barrel, and carry

the right hand to the side.

4. Draw the rainrod from the barrel, return it,

forcing it down with the palm of the r and take the position of raise pistol.

5. Return pistol.

#### 404.-The instructor commands:

Inspection—(of) SABRE.

### 1 time, 7 motions.

- 1. At the last part of the comman SABRE, execute the first time of draw sa
  - 2. Execute the second time of draw a
  - 3. Present the sabre.
- 4. Turn in the wrist, in order to show side of the blade.
  - 5. Carry the sabre to the shoulder.

draws the pistol, passes it into the left hand, and puts the ramrod in the barrel.\* When the instructor arrives opposite, he raises the ramrod, lets it fall into the barrel, and as he is passed by two troopers, he returns the ramrod, takes the position of raise pistol, returns it to the holster, and draws the sabre. When the instructor arrives opposite, the trooper presents the sabre, shows the other side of the blade, and as soon as he is passed by two troopers, he carries the sabre, returns it, covers the holsters, and adjusts the reins.

(Lancers.) At the last part of the command, which is ARMS, the lancer carries the lance, then comes to the position of charge lance. When the instructor arrives opposite, he turns the wrist in order to show the other side of the blade. As soon as the instructor has passed him by two troopers, he carries and rests the lance, takes the position of draw pistol, and performs the remainder of the bovement as prescribed above.

(Cuirassiers.) At the last part of the command, which is ARMS, the cuirassier executes what is prescribed at the inspection of the pistol and the sabre.

406.—While the troopers are formed in one rank, the instructor causes them to leave the rank indiscriminately, at a simple notice from him. This exercise is repeated as

<sup>\* (</sup>With Hall's carbine, at the word ARMS, execute the lst motion of inspection of carbine; after the inspector has passed by two troopers, execute the 2d motion of inspection of carbine.)

often as he thinks necessary, to habituate th leaving the ranks without difficulty.

The trooper designated gathers his lurges him forward with mildness, observe startle him.

# Sabre and lance exercise, at

407.—The troopers marching at a walk in to the instructor causes them to take the distances one from the other, and when the two a upon the long sides, he commands: 1. Squad (or to the left); 2. MARCH; 3. HALT. He could then to execute at a halt the sabre exercise, a foot.

For the lance exercise, the lancers, before to right, or to the left, should take the distance of For the exercise at a halt, the instructor either time necessary to make the troopers converse.

causing the troopers, having all the arms, to execute the movements of the third lesson at the different gaits.

He observes that the weight and motion of the arms do not cause them to lose the regularity of their position.

When the troopers have acquired the habit of exercising with the sabre on, and the carbine slung, they are taught to make use of their arms in marching.

# Manual of arms, in marching.

411.—The troopers are required to draw sabre, and to return sabre, while marching in column at a walk.

The instructor observes that neither the seat, nor the position of the bridle-hand is deranged. He also requires the troopers to keep the legs near, in order to prevent the borses from slackening the gait. When the troopers have the sabre drawn, the instructor observes that they do not throw back the right shoulder.

As the troopers become more skilful, they are required to draw sabre, in marching first at the trot, and then at the gallop. They also take the position of the first motion of in tierce point, and front cut, in marching at the different saits.

The troopers are taught to take the position of the sabre for the charge, as front rank and as rear rank. For this purpose the instructor commands:

### As front rank-Raise sabre.

#### 1 time.

At the last part of the command, which is SABRE, take the position of in tierce point.

The instructor then causes the sabre to be carried, and sommands:

#### As rear rank-RAISE SABRE.

#### 1 time.

At the last part of the command, which is SABRE, take the position of the first motion of front cut.

These movements are executed successively at the different gaits.

The sabres are returned in marching at a walk; for this purpose the troopers are directed to support the back of the blade against the left arm, until the point has entered the scabbard.

The troopers are exercised, sabres drawn, in turning to the right and to the left at the trot, and at the gallop, and to the right-about, and left-about, at the trot only.

412.—The troopers marching in column at a walk, the instructor causes them to execute the load at will of the

idth and height of each are increased as the troopers orses become more habituated to leaping.

instructor forms the squad in one rank, 30 paces in

f the obstacle.

the warning of the instructor, each trooper moves off alk, directs his march towards the obstacle, and at 1 of the way commences the trot.

# To leap the ditch.

5.—On arriving near the ditch, give the hand lose the legs, to force the horse to make the The moment he reaches the ground, raise ly the hand in order to sustain him.

# To leap the bar.

6.—On arriving near the bar, rein up the slightly, and close the legs. At the moment iking the leap, give the hand, and elevate it ly as soon as he reaches the ground on the side.

e trooper, in leaping, should cling to the with the thighs and calves of the legs, taking to lean a little forward as the horse is in the 'springing, and to seat himself well by leanthe rear at the moment the horse reaches the id.

7.—Each trooper, after having made the leap, nees to move at the trot, and takes his place, rank which is formed 30 paces beyond the

obstacle, taking care to pass to the walk just before halting.

During the first days of this exercise, the troopers leap without arms; the instructor causes them to take the snaffle in the right hand.

When the troopers have leaped without arms, they repeat the same exercise with arms, and finally with the sabre

drawn.

The horses employed in the school of the trooper, should be trained and accustomed to leaping. If, however, a horse refuses to leap, the instructor aids the trooper with the whip, as prescribed, Title 1st, article 8.

# Individual charge.

418.—(Pl. 65.) To exercise the troopers at the charge, they are conducted to the extremity of a ground, which presents a course of sufficient extent without obstacle. There they are formed in one rank, as prescribed No. 376, and required to draw the sabre.

A corporal is placed 80 paces in front of the right of the troopers; an assistant instructor 80 paces in front of this corporal; another corporal 60 paces farther; finally, a third corporal 20 paces forther marks the extraority of

rooper marches 20 paces, and takes the ving at the first corporal, he passes to the he reaches the assistant-instructor, the mands:

#### CHARGE.

command, quicken the gallop, keeping at the same time under proper control; the stirrups, and take the position of ank—RAISE SABRE. (Lancer), CHARGE

of the second corporal, the trooper retakes d carries the sabre. (Lancer), carry the

paces from the third corporal, he takes and halts abreast of him.

ther troopers execute successively the same the assistant-instructor causing each one to set e trooper who precedes him has halted. Each es for his point of direction the place he is to he rank, and places himself on the left of the eady formed.

e first charge being completed, the instructor squad by file to the right, and reforms in facing by the commands front and HALT, so that oper will find himself in the direction of the who mark the points for the changes of gait. Pers then charge in the opposite direction, placed in like manner the assistant-instruct-porals.

At the command charge, the troopers now take the position as rear rank—RAISE SABRE. (Lancer: the lance carried and disengaged from the boot.)

420.—The charge should be executed only twice the same day. It usually terminates the exercise; after executing it the squad marches at a walk a sufficient time to enable the horses to become calm before entering the stables.

# Target practice.

421.—For the target practice on horseback, the target should be 8 feet high and 3 feet broad, the proportions of a man mounted. At 5 feet of its height, it is marked with a black band 3 inches wide. This band is struck when the pieces are properly aimed.

The troopers are formed in one rank, 300 paces from,

and opposite the target.

sition of advance carbine, and marches straight to the Having reached it, he halts, cocks his carbine. fires, moves forward, and after taking a few steps, turnsabout: he returns, loading his piece at the same time. passes by the rear, and places himself on the left of the rank.

2. The trooper designated leaves the rank, takes the position of advance carbine, turns to the left, then to the right, and marches straight forward until he arrives abreast of the stake. There he turns to the right and directs himself upon the stake: when he is near it, he turns to the left, halts, cocks his carbine, aims, and fires; he then turns to the right, and in loading his piece places himself on the left of the rank, passing by the rear.

3. The trooper designated leaves the rank, takes the position of advance carbine, turns to the right, then to the left, and marches straight forward until he arrives abreast There he turns to the left, and directs himof the stake. self upon the stake; when he is near it he turns to the right, halts, cocks his piece, aims, and fires; he then turns to the left, and in loading his piece places himself on the left of the rank, passing by the rear.

The troopers having executed these movements correctly at the walk, are exercised in them at the trot and at

the gallop.

After the troopers have been exercised in firing the pistol at a halt, the instructor gives them the following instructions.

To fire the pistol in marching, the troopers should not

halt, neither change the direction or gait.

To fire to the front, the trooper designated leaves the rank, draws the pistol, and cocks it. Having arrived abreast of the point from which he is to fire, he aims, fires, marches on a few steps, turns-about, and places himself on the left of the rank, at the same time loading his pistol.

To fire to the right or to the left, the trooper executes the 3d or 2d movement indicated for the carbine, except that he does not halt, neither faces the target, but fires without changing his direction.

To fire to the rear, the trooper designated leaves the ranks, draws the pistol, cooks it, and marches towards the target so as to leave it a little on his right; having arrived at his proper distance, he turns-about, and when he finds himself between the target and the rank, he aims, fires to the rear at the target, and returns, in loading his pistol, thacing himself on the left of the rank.

These movements being executed correctly, at the walk, are repeated at the tree and at the gallop.

# SCHOOL OF THE PLATOON, MOUNTED.

422.—The troopers being sufficiently instructed to manage their horses and use their arms, are passed to the school of the platoon, the object of which is to teach them to exercise properly together, and execute all the movements of the platoon in the squadron, whether in column, or in line.

Each movement, after having been correctly executed

by the right, is repeated by the left.

When the movements are all executed at the walk, the instructor causes them to be repeated at the trot, requiring always the same simultaneous action and the same precision. This gradation is also followed for the exercise at the gallop; but the horses are not kept a long time at this gait.

The platoon is composed of 24 or 32 men, (12 or 16 files,) including the Corporals, placed in the squadron in line, (title 1st, art. 1st;) a non-commissioned officer is placed as file-closer; another non-commissioned officer is charged with aiding the instructor; he is termed as-

sistant-instructor.

When the platoon is broken in order to march in column, the assistant-instructor, at the preparatory command, places himself at one pace in front of the first files. In all the formations and marches in line, he places himself at one pace in front of the centre of the platoon, the post of the chief of the platoon; the instructor moves wherever his presence is most required.

For the school of the platoon, the troopers are in undress and under arms, helmets, or schakos, the cuirassiers the cuirass: the carbine is always slung; the horses are sad-

dled without schabraque.

#### ARTICLE FIRST.

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Manual of arms.

To form the platoon to the right in two ranks.

- 428.—The platoon is formed in two ranks, at open order, the troopers and file-closer at the head of their horses, the assistant-instructor mounted, facing the platoon, at 10 paces from and opposite the centre: the instructor commands:
  - 1. ATTENTION.
  - 2. Right-Dress.
  - 3. FRONT.

#### He then commands:

In each rank—Count (BY) Fours.

Which is executed as prescribed, No. 174, commencing by the right.

The troopers then mount by the times, and without explanation.

At the command form—RANKS, the assistantinstructor moves forward, turns to the right-about, and places himself at the centre of the platoon, the croup of his horse one pace from the head of the horses of the front rank. The file-closer follows the rear rank.

424.—The first time the platoon is conducted upon the ground, the instructor causes it to break, as prescribed, No. 316, and to re-form, as prescribed, No. 330.

# General principles of alignment.

425.—The troopers, to align themselves, should regulate their shoulders upon those of the men on the side of the alignment, and fix the eyes upon the line of the eyes, so as to perceive the breast of the second trooper of their rank on the side of the alignment; for this purpose, they should turn the

- 2. MARCH; 3. Halt; 4. Right (or left)—Dress; 5. Front. The instructor then commands:
  - 1. By file right (or left)—Dress.
  - 2. FRONT.

(Pl. 66, fig. A.) At the last part of the first command, which is dress, each file moves forward successively and steadily, the troopers turning the head to the right, and taking the last steps slowly, in order to arrive abreast of the files already formed without passing beyond the alignment, observing then to halt, give the hand, relax the legs, and keep the head to the right until the command FRONT.

Rach file executes the same movement when the preceding one has arrived on the base of alignment, so that only one file may align itself at the same time.

At the command FRONT, turn the head to the front.

The instructor gives the command FRONT when the last file is aligned.

427.—(Pl. 66, fig. B.) When the troopers execute correctly these alignments, this instruction is repeated in giving the two files of the right an oblique direction. For this purpose, the two files having marched forward 4 paces as has been prescribed, execute a half-turn to the right, or to the left, and march 6 paces in this new direction.

The platoon being unmasked, the remainder of the movement is executed by the commands and following the principles prescribed, No. 426; each file, as it arrives meanly opposite the place it is to occupy, executes a half-turn to the right, or to the left, so that having left the place.

toon by one straight line, it arrives upon the new alignment by another.

428.—The two files of the right, or of the left, are mai to rein-back 4 paces, and align themselves parallel to the plateon and opposite the place they occupied in it, by the commands: 1. Two files from right (or left) backwards 2. MARCH; 3. HALT; 4. Right (or left)—DRESS; 5. FROM The instructor then commands:

- 1. By file-right (or left) backward-Dress.
- 2. FRONT.

(Pl. 66, fig. C.) At the last part of the fir command, which is dress, each file reins back su cessively, keeping perfectly straight, the troope turning the head to the right, and passing a lit to the rear of the files already formed, in order come up abreast of them by a movement to t front, which renders the alignment more easy.

The troopers of the front rank rein-back slow those of the rear rank regulate themselves up their file-leaders, preserving always their prop

distance.

At the command FRONT, turn the head to t front.

The alignment to the rear gives the means of repair a fault by returning to the alignment when it has be passed over; but it should be avoided as much as possily

429.—The alignment is then executed by twos (or fours). For this purpose, the two or four files of the rimove forward as has been prescribed, and the instruccommands:

- 1. By twos (or by fours)—right (or left)—Dress.
- 2. FRONT.

At the last part of the first command, which is DRESS, the files align themselves successively by twos (or by fours), following the principles prescribed for the alignment by file, being particular to set out and arrive upon the alignment together.

At the command FRONT, turn the head to the front.

430.—The instructor observes that the troopers align themselves on the breast of the second man towards the side of the alignment, and not upon the extremity of the rank (which would prevent their remaining square in their seats); that they are neither too much opened nor closed; and, finally, that those of the rear rank are exactly behind their file-leaders. The troopers are also required to align themselves promptly, that the horses may not be kept a long time gathered.

431.—When a platoon is not aligned, it arises from the fact, generally, that the horses are not straight in the ranks.

When a platoon dresses to the right, if the left wing is in rear, it is presumed that most of the horses are turned to the left; it is necessary to observe if this is the case, and to command the troopers to carry the hand slightly to the right, at the same time closing the right leg, which brings the horse upon the alignment.

If, after this movement, some of the troopers are still too much in rear to perceive the line of the rank, they

move forward after squaring their horses.

When a platoon dresses to the right, if the left wing is in advance, it is presumed that the horses are turned to the right: the troopers are then required to carry the

hand to the left, closing at the same time the left leg, which causes the horse to step back to his proper place.

If, after this movement, some troopers are still in advance, they rein directly back until they can perceive only the line of the rank.

In dressing to the left, the same faults are corrected by

inverse means.

432.—During the alignment, the instructor places himself in front of the troopers, to be assured that they execute the movement steadily, and do not turn the head more than is prescribed; that they do not open the linee in order to feel the boot; that they prevent their horses from crowding the troopers already formed; that they take the last steps slowly; that they align themselves without losing time as they arrive; and that they give the hand and replace the legs immediately after being aligned.

For this exercise alone, the assistant instructor is placed perpendicularly to the flank of the platoon, facing to the left if the alignment is to the right; and facing to the right if the alignment is to the left. He observes that the troopers halt on the same line, and rectifies the alignment in a low voice. At the command FRONT, he resumes

his place before the platoon.

433.—The instructor insists upon all these principles; but the alignments will be occasionally interrupted by marches in column, in order to calm the horses.

# Alignment of the platoon.

434.—The platoon being in line, the instructor place the corporal of the flank on which he wishes to align i in such a position that no trooper will be forced to rein back, and commands:

- 1. Right (or left)—Dress.
- 2. FRONT.

At the last part of the first command, which is DRESS, all the troopers align themselves promptly but with steadiness.

At the command FRONT, turn the head to the front.

485.—In all the alignments, the corporal of the opposite flank aligns himself promptly on the one towards the side of the alignment, without respect to the individual alignment of the troopers.

## To open and close the ranks.

486.—To open the ranks, the instructor commands:

- 1. Rear rank open order.
- 2. MARCH.
- 3. Right-Dress.
- 4. FRONT.

(Pl. 66, fig. D.) At the command MARCH, the front rank remains immoveable, the rear rank reins back 6 paces, each trooper preserving the direction of his file-leader. The file-closer reins back until he is 6 paces from the rear rank. The assistant instructor moves forward 6 paces, and faces the platoon by a turn-about to the left.

At the command right—DRESS, the rear rank

dresses to the right.

At the command FRONT, turn the head to the front.

437.—To close the rank, the instructor commands:

- 1. Rear rank close order.
- 2. MARCH.
- 3. Right-Dress.
- 4. FRONT.

(Pl. 66, fig. E.) At the command MARCH, t rear rank closes upon the front to the distance of feet, each trooper taking care to preserve the dirtion of his file-leader. The assistant instructor sumes his place at the centre of the platoon by turn-about to the right, and the file-closer takes I proper distance from the rear rank.

At the command right—DRESS, the platoon

aligned to the right.

At the command FRONT, turn the head to t



- Platoon.
- 2. HALT.
- 3. Right (or left)—Dress.

# To break the platoon by file.

489.—The platoon being in line, the instructor commands :

- By file.
   MARCH.

(Pl. 67, fig. A.) At the command by file, the troopers of the first file gather their horses, and the others successively, as soon as the file on the right is in motion.

At the command MARCH, the first file of the right moves straight to the front; it is followed by the other file; each file moves off when the haunches of the rear rank horse of the file which has broken, arrives at the head of the horses of the front rank; each file marches 6 paces straight to the front, makes a quarter-turn to the right, and marches in the new direction until it reaches its place in the column, when it makes a quarter-turn to the left.

440.—The instructor observes that the troopers gather their horses and break successively, only at the moment prescribed; that the first file moves straight to the front; that the other files never march less than six paces before obliquing, and do not make more than a quarter-turn to the right or to the left, in order to rejoin the column.

441.—To break the platoon by the left, the movement is executed following the same principles, but by inverse means, at the commands: 1. By the left by file. 2. MARCH.

## Direct march in column by file.

442.—The troopers should keep their horses straight, and march at a free and equal gait; they should keep their eyes to the front, and continue in the direction of the column, so as to perceive only the trooper who marches before them, to march at the same gait with him, preserving always the distance of two feet from head to croup, that his own horse may not tread upon the heels of the horse in front. This distance should be recovered gradually when lost.

- 1. Column.
  - 2. HALT.

the command HALT, the troopers stop toer in the direction of their file-leaders and at distances, taking care to prevent their horses stepping back.

.—To move off, the instructor commands:

- 1. Column forward.
- 2. MARCH.

the command MARCH, the troopers move off ily together.

.-The column being at a halt, if the instructor s it to commence the move at a trot, he conforms to is prescribed, No. 337. In this case, the assistantictor moves off promptly at the trot, that the troopers rear may take this gait at once, without marching t a walk.

halt the column marching at the trot, conform to is prescribed, No. 338.

# Individual oblique march.

.- The column marching by file, the instructor com-₹:

- 1. Left (or right) oblique. 2. MARCH.

the command MARCH, each trooper executes arter-turn to the left, and moves forward in his new direction, all following parallel lines, and regulating themselves towards the right, in order to keep on the same line, and to preserve their distances on that side.

To return to the primitive direction, the instructor commands:

#### FORWARD.

At this command, the troopers return to the original direction, by a quarter-turn to the right, in advancing, and move forward in the direction of their file-leaders.

# The platoon marching in column by file, to form it to the front, to the left, or on right, into line.

448.—The column marching right in front, to form it to the front into line, the instructor commands:

- 1. Front into line.
- 2. MARCH.
- 3. HALT.
- 4. Right-Dress.
- 5. FRONT.

(Pl. 68, fig. A.) At the command MARCH, the first file continues to march straight forward. The others oblique immediately to the left, march in this new direction, and each file makes a quarter-

n to the right on coming opposite the place he

to occupy in the platoon.

When the first file has marched 20 paces, the structor commands HALT. At this command, it its square to the front; the other files come up it form successively on the left of the first, and ess to the right.

At the command FRONT, turn the head to the

nt.

The instructor gives the command right—DRESS, immetely after HALT, and commands FRONT when the last is aligned.

149.—The column marching left in front, the movement executed following the same principles, but by inverse ans, at the commands: 1. Front into line: 2. MARCH; HALT; 4. Left—DRESS; 5. FRONT.

- 50.—The column marching right in front, to form it line upon its left flank, the instructor commands:
  - 1. Left into line.
  - 2. MARCH.
  - 3. HALT.
  - 4. Right-Dress.
  - 5. FRONT.

the command MARCH, the first file turns to and moves straight forward; the other files e to march on, and at 2 paces before arrivosite the place they are to occupy in the they turn successively to the left.

the first file has marched 20 paces, the remmands HALT. At this command it

halts; the other files come up and form successively on the left of the first, and dress to the right.

At the command FRONT, turn the head to the

front.

The instructor gives the command right—DRESS, immediately after HALT, and commands FRONT when the last file is aligned.

He observes that the troopers turn exactly upon the point indicated, and before arriving at it do not incline to

the side of the formation.

451.—The column marching left in front, to form in line on the right flank, the movement is executed following the same principles, but by inverse means, at the commands: 1. Right into line; 2. MARCH; 3. HALT; 4. Left—DRESS; 5. FRONT.

laits: the other files come up and form successively on the left of the first, and dress to the right.

At the command FRONT, turn the head to the front.

The instructor gives the command right—DRESS immediately after HALT, and commands FRONT when the last file is aligned.

453.—The column marching left in front, to form in the upon the prolongation and in advance of its left flank, the movement is executed following the same principles, but by inverse means, at the commands: 1. On left into the; 2. MARCH; 3. HALT; 4. Left—DRESS; 5. FRONT.

# To break the platoon by twos or by fours.

454.—The platoon being in line, the instructor commands:

- 1. By twos (or by fours).
- 2. MARCH.
- 3. Guide left.

(Pl. 67, fig. B and C.) At the command MARCH, the first two or four files of the right move straight to the front; they are followed by the other files, who move off when the haunches of the horses of the rear rank are on a line with the heads of the horses of the front rank. These files march straight forward 6 paces, execute a quarter-term to the right by trooper, and march in this

direction until they meet the column, when they take their places in it by making a quarter-turn to the left.

The command guide left, is given immediately after that of MARCH, that the trooper on the left of the front rank of twos or fours, who becomes guide of the column, may take at once a point of direction.

After breaking by twos, Nos. two and four being guides, keep their eyes to the front. After reaching the column, Nos. one and three dress upon them.

After breaking by fours, Nos. four become guides of

each rank.

455.—To break the platoon by the left, the movement is executed following the same principles but by inverse means, at the commands: 1. By twos from the left (or by fours); 2. MARCH; 3. Guide right.

towards the guide, in order to align themselves and regulate upon him their rate of march. They feel lightly the boot towards that side, and yield to all pressure coming from it. When the march by fours, they resist all pressure coming from be opposite direction.

When the platoon marches left in front, the guide is to the right, and in other respects the troopers conform to same principles.

## Change of direction.

457.—The column marching by twos or by fours, right left in front, the instructor commands:

Head of column to the left (or to the right).

At this command the assistant-instructor commands:

- Left—Turn.
   Forward.

(Pl. 68, fig. D and E.) At the first part of the first command, which is left, the left trooper, The is pivot, prepares to turn at the same gait, the trooper of the opposite side to lengthen his.

At the last part of the command, which is TURN, the first rank of twos or fours turns to the left. The pivot turns at the same gait, describing an erc of a circle of five paces. The trooper on the sposite side turns in lengthening the gait; the ther troopers turn the head towards the marching lank, to regulate their rate of march, feeling at the same time lightly the boot on the side of

pivot.

At the command forward, the troopers had increased the gait resume the precise pac which they were before moving, and the hea the column marches straight forward in the direction.

Each rank executes the same movement arriving upon the ground where the first

turned.

The assistant-instructor should give the command in sufficient time to command Turk, when he is at paces from the point indicated for the change of direc he executes his movement in lengthening slightly the without leaving the centre of the front rank, regulhimself upon the marching flank, so as to give the mand forward at the instant the front rank, he executed a quarter of a wheel, is in a direction per dicular to the former one.

458.—When the changes of direction are to be exec at the angles of a limited ground, and the column is ms

# Individual oblique march.

460 .- The column marching by twos or by fours, the instructor commands:

- 1. Left (or right) oblique. 2. MARCH.

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(Pl. 69, fig. A and B.) At the command MARCH, each trooper executes a quarter-turn to the left.

The trooper on the left of the first rank, who is guide of the column, moves straight forward in the new direction, and parallel to the assistant-instructor. The trooper on the left of each of the other ranks, who is guide of his rank, moves forward also in the new direction, observing the guide of the column so as to keep on the same line, and in a parallel direction with him.

The other troopers move forward, looking occasionally to the left so as to align themselves upon their guide. Each one places the left knee behind the right knee of the man on the left, and the head of his horse opposite the lower part of the neck of the horse on his left. The troopers march thus, in each rank, during the oblique march.

To return to the primitive direction, conform to what

is prescribed, No. 447.

If the troopers become disunited during the oblique march, they should rejoin the guide of their rank, in gaining more ground to the front than to the side, so as not to lose their alignment nor retard those who march behind them. If the guide of any rank ceases to be on the line of the guide of the column, he lengthens or shortens th pace, without changing the direction in order to recover his place.

461.—To rectify the distances, the degree of obliquity, and to be assured that the guides, as well as the other troopers, are in the same direction, the instructor halts the column at the commands: 1. Column; 2. Halt. The column is put again in motion in the oblique direction at the commands: 1. Column forward; 2. March.

The platoon marching in column by twos or by fours, to form it to the front, to the left, or on right, into line.

462.—The plateon marching in column right in front, to form line to the front, the instructor commands:

up and form successively on their left, and dress to the right.

At the command FRONT, turn the head to the

front.

The instructor gives the command right—DRESS immediately after that of HALT, and commands FRONT when the last rank of twos or fours is aligned.

- 463.—The column marching left in front, the movement is executed following the same principles, but by inverse means, at the commands: 1. Front into line; 2. MARCH; 8. HALT; 4. Left—DRESS; 5. FRONT.
- 464.—The column marching right in front, to form line upon its left flank, the instructor commands:
  - 1. Left into line.
  - 2. MARCH.
  - 3. HALT.
  - 4. Right-Dress.
  - 5. FRONT.
- (Pl. 70, fig. A and B.) At the command MARCH, the two (or four) first files turn to the left and move straight forward; the other ranks of twos (or fours) continue to march on, and at 3 paces before arriving opposite the place they are to occupy in the platoon, turn successively to the left.

When the first files have marched 20 paces, the instructor commands HALT. At this command, the first files halt; the others come up and form successively on their left, and dress to the right.

At the consisted thouse, front.

The instructor gives the command right—DRESS, into diately after that of HALT, and commands FRONT when two (or four) last files are aligned.

465.—The column marching left in frees, to frame upon its right flank, the movement is executed follow the same principles, but by inverse means, at the enmands: 1. Right into line; 2. Manon; 3. Hand Left—Danss; 5. FRONT.

466.—The column marching right in front, to dense upon the prolongation and in advance of its significant the instructor commands:

- 1. On right into line.
- 2. MARCH.
- 3. HALT.
- 4. Right-Dress.
- 5. FRONT.

(Pl. 71, fig. A and B.) At the command MARCH, the two (or four) first files turn to the right and move straight forward; the other ranks of twos (or fours) continue to march on, and each turns successively to the right, at 3 paces beyond the point where the preceding rank has turned.

When the first files have marched 20 paces, the instructor commands: HALT. At this command the first files halt square upon the line; the other files come up and form successively on their left.

and dress to the right.

At the command FRONT, turn the head to the front.

The instructor gives the command right—DRESS, immediately after that of HALT, and commands FRONT when the two (or four) last files are aligned.

467.—The column marching left in front, to form line upon the prolongation and in advance of its left flank, the nevement is executed following the same principles, but by inverse means, at the commands: 1. On left into line: 2. Makch: 3. Halt: 4. Left—Dress: 5. Front.

468.—The foregoing explanations have been given for movements by twos or by fours, in order to avoid repetition; but they are executed by fours only after obtaining the necessary precision in the exercise by twos. When these movements have been executed with regularity at the walk, they are repeated at the trot and at the gallop.

# To form the platoon to the left in one rank.

469.—The platoon being formed in two ranks, the in-

- 1. Left into single rank.
- 2. MARCH.
- 3. FRONT.
- 4. HALT.
- 5. Right-Dress.
- 6. FRONT.

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(Pl. 71, fig. C.) At the command MARCH, the front rank moves forward 6 paces, dressing by the

right; the trooper on the left of the rear rank turns to the left and moves forward; he is followed by all the other troopers of that rank, who execute successively the same movement.

At the command FRONT, the trooper on the left of the rear rank turns to the right, and the other troopers successively, when they have arrived nearly opposite the place they are to occupy in the rank.

At the command HALT, the trooper on the less halts, and successively the others, on arriving abreast of him.

At the command Right—DRESS, all the troopers of the rear rank dress to the right.

At the 6th command, which is FRONT, turn the head to the front.

rank, also the one to be on the right of the rear rank, and commands:

- 1. Right into two ranks.
- 2. MARCH.
- 3. Right-Dress.
- 4. FRONT.

(Pl. 71, fig. D.) At the command MARCH, the front rank moves forward 6 paces, dressing by the right; the trooper on the right of the rear rank turns to the right as soon as the front rank has passed, and moves forward obliquing to the right; when he is nearly in rear of the trooper on the right of the front rank, he fronts by turning to the left. All the other troopers execute successively the same movement, placing themselves exactly behind their file-leaders and at their proper distances.

At the command right—DRESS, all the troopers align themselves to the right.

At the command FRONT, turn the head to the

front.

The instructor gives the command right—DRESS, when the trooper on the right of the rear rank has turned to the front.

472.—The exercise being finished, the troopers are ordered to dismount and file off.

At the command PREPARE TO DISMOUNT, the assistantinstructor moves 12 paces to the front, and faces the platoon by a turn-about to the left; at the same command the file-closer reins back 4 paces, and dismounts with the platoon. The instructor and assistant-instructor remain mounted, until the last horse in the platoon has filed off.

#### ARTICLE SECOND.

To form twos and fours at the same gait.

To break by twos and by file at

the same gait.

To form twos and fours in doubling the gait.

To break by twos and by file in

(Pl. 72, fig. A.) At the command MARCH, the first file continues to march on, and halts when it has marched 10 paces; the second file obliques to the left, and comes up abreast of the first; on arriving there, it halts and dresses to the right. All the other files continue to march straight forward, Nos. 2 and 4 executing their movement in the same manner, but successively, and when Nos. 1 and 3, upon which they should form, have nearly arrived at their proper distance, and are about to halt.

474.—The platoon marching in column by twos, right in front, to form fours the instructor commands:

- 1. Form fours.
- 2. MARCH.

(Pl. 72, fig. B.) At the command MARCH, the two first files continue to march on, and halt when they have marched 10 paces; the two following files oblique to the left, and come up abreast of the two first; on arriving there, they halt and dress to the right. All the other files continue to march straight forward, Nos. 3 and 4 executing their movement in the same manner, but successively, and when Nos. 1 and 2, upon which they should form, have nearly arrived at their proper distance, and are about to halt.

475.—When the column is at a trot, the formation of twos and fours at the same gait is executed following the same principles. The first, or two first files, pass to the walk, at the command MARCH; the others continue

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at the trot, until they have arrived abreast of those on which they should form; then they pass to the and b

When the column is at a gallop, the movement is executed following the same principles. The first, or two first fles, pass to the trot at the command MARCH; the others continue to march at the gallop, until they have executed their formation; then they pass to the trot.

When twos or fours are formed at the trot or at the gallop, the guide is announced as soon as the first files have doubled. In executing the same movements at a walk as the head of the column halts, the guide is not announced.

The column marching left in front, these movements are executed following the same principles and by inverse means.

### To break by twos and by file at the same gait.

476.—The platoon marching in column by fours, right in front, to break by twos the instructor commands:

- 1. By twos. 2. MARCH.
- 3. Guide left.

(Pl. 72, fig. C.) At the command by twos, all the troopers prepare to halt, except Nos. 1 and 2 of the leading files.

At the command MARCH, Nos. 1 and 2 of the leading files continue to march at the same gait: all the others halt. Files 3 and 4 of the leading rank oblique to the right the moment they are passed by the croup of the horses of the rear rank of Nos. 1 and 2, and place themselves in column behind them.

Each rank of fours executes successively the same movement, files 1 and 2 breaking as soon as files 3 and 4 of the rank which precedes them have commenced obliquing, in order to enter the column.

Files 1 and 2, which break to the front, regulate their gait so as to preserve their distances; and files 3 and 4 keep their horses straight, so as not to constrain the movements of files 1 and 2.

477.—The platoon marching in column by twos, right in front, to break by file, the instructor commands:

By file.
 MARCH.

(Pl. 72, fig. D.) At the command by file, all the troopers prepare to halt except the right file of the leading rank of twos.

At the command MARCH, the right file of the leading rank of twos continues to march at the same gait, all the others halt. The left file of this same rank obliques to the right the moment it is passed by the croup of the rear rank horse of No. 1, and places itself in column behind the first file.

Each rank of twos executes successively the same movement, files 1 and 2 breaking as soon as files 2 and 4 who precede them have commenced obliquing

in order to enter the column.

Files 1 and 3, which break to the front, regulate their gait so as to have their distances. Files 2 and 4 keep their horses straight, so as not to con the movements of files 1 and 3.

478.—When the column is at the trot, to break bor by file is executed on the same principles; the files of the leading rank continue at the trot; all the take the walk at the command MARCH, and resume to noder to enter the column; when the column is gallop, the files which are to break take the trot command MARCH, and afterwards resume the gallop tering the column.

The instructor observes that the files which brea change gait, and put themselves again in motior steadiness; that they keep their horses straight, so to retard the movements of those which only mark ward, and that they retake successively their dist their directions, and their original gait.

479.—The column marching left in front, the ment is executed, following the same principles to inverse means, at the commands: 1. By twos (or be from the left; 2. MARCH. If the column marches by the guide is indicated to the right, immediately afternoon march.

ers prepare to take the trot, except the leading file.

At the command MARCH, all the troopers take the trot, except the leading file; the second file obliques to the left, and comes up abreast of the first; on arriving there it takes the walk; all the other files continue to march forward at the trot. Files 4 and 2 execute their movement in the same manner, but successively, when 3 and 1, upon whom they are to form, have nearly arrived at their distance, and are about to pass to the walk.

481.—The platoon marching in column by twos, right in front, to form fours the instructor commands:

- 1. Form fours-trot.
- 2. MARCH.
- 3. Guide left.

At the command form fours—trot, all the troopers prepare to take the trot, except the two leading files.

At the command MARCH, all the troopers take the trot, except the two leading files; the two following files oblique to the left, and come up abreast of the two first: on arriving there they resume the talk; all the other files continue to march forward at the trot. Files 3 and 4 execute their movement in the same manner, but successively, when files 1 and 2, upon whom they are to form, have nearly arrived at their distance, and are about to pass to the walk.

482.—When the column is at the trot, the movement is

executed on the same principles. At the command MARCH, all the troopers pass to the gallop, except the files at the head of the column, and resume the trot when their formation is executed.

When the column is at the gallop, the movement to form twos or fours is always executed at the same gait, as pre-

scribed, No. 475.

483.—The column marching left in front, the movement is executed, following the same principles but by inverse means, at the commands: 1. Form twos (or form fours)—trot; 2. MARCH; 3. Guide right.

484.—The instructor observes that the first file to oblique does so immediately after the command MARCH; that the gait is doubled with moderation; that the formation extends itself successively from the head to the rear of the column, the files who march straight forward keeping their horses well in hand to prevent their following those which oblique; he observes also that the files which oblique do so a little before arriving at their distances, particularly in marching by fours; and that they never pass beyond the alignment of those on whom they are to form.



he command MARCH, they commence the trot; other files continue to march at the walk; and 4 take the trot successively and oblique right, in order to place themselves in column files 1 and 2.

novement being terminated, the instructor orders

- -The platoon marching in column by twos, right , to break by file the instructor commands:
  - By file—trot.
     MARCH.

the command by file-trot, the right file of ding rank of twos prepares to trot. he command MARCH, it commences the trot; other files continue to march at the walk: and 4 assume the trot successively and obo the right, in order to place themselves bees 1 and 3 in the column.

-When the column is at the trot, to break in g the gait, the instructor commands: 1. By twos file)-gallop; 2. MARCH; which is executed on e principles.

the column is at the gallop, the movement to y twos or by file is executed at the same gait as

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ese movements, the instructor observes that the ' the column changes gait with moderation, and troopers who follow do not permit their horses to f before the moment prescribed.

-The column marching left in front, the move-

ment is executed, following the same principles but by inverse means, at the commands: 1. By twos (or by file) from the left—trot; 2. March. If the column is to march by twos, the guide is indicated to the right, immediately after the command MARCH.

489.—As it is important for the precision and regularity of these movements that the troopers should not forget their numbers, the instructor should assure himself of it from time to time.

#### Sabre and lance exercise.

490.—The instructor causes the sabre and lance exercise to be executed at a halt; for this purpose he opens the ranks, and commands:

- 1. By the left (or by the right)—open files.
- 2. MARCH.
- 3. Right (or left)-Dress.
- 4. FRONT.

At the command MARCH, the right trooper of each rank moves forward 6 paces; the one on the left of each rank turns to the left, and moves forward; he is followed by all the other troopers of his rank, who execute the same movement as soon as they have the necessary space to put themselves in file at their proper distances. The second trooper from the right of each rank, after having marched 3 paces, turns and dresses to the right each of the other troopers look occasionally the rear, and perform successively the same movement when at three paces from the one who see

lows him, and dresses upon those already formed: the troopers of the rear rank place themselves exactly behind their file-leaders.

After the command MARCH, the instructor moves to the right of the front rank, and when the second trooper from the right has turned to the front, he commands: Right—DRESS. After having rectified the alignment and the distances in the two ranks, he commands: FRONT.

- 491.—When the instructor wishes to form the platoon, he commands:
  - 1. To the right (or to the left)—close files.
  - 2. MARCH.

At the command MARCH, the right trooper of each rank moves forward 6 paces; all the other troopers execute a turn to the right and move forward.

Each trooper, on arriving within 2 paces of the place he is to occupy in line, turns to the left, and places himself on the left of the troopers already formed, and dresses to the right.

The instructor closes the ranks as soon as they

are formed.

#### To leave the platoon by file.

492.—The instructor causes the files to leave the plateen, in conforming to what is prescribed, No. 406; he observes that the trooper of the rear rank follows exactly his file-leader.

493.—The exercise being terminated, the troopers dismount and file off, as prescribed, No. 472.

#### ARTICLE THIRD.

Direct march of the platoon in line.

Counter-march.

Wheelings.

To wheel on a fixed pivot.

To wheel on a moveable pivot.

Individual oblique march.

The platoon marching in line, to break it by fours or by twos at the same gait.

The platoon marching in column by twos or by fours, to form it at the same gait.

# Direct march of the platoon in line.

494 .- The principles of the direct march give the troopers the means.

1st. Of preserving the alignments in marching without

being disunited;

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2d. Of not closing too much, and of recovering the required distances when they have closed;

8d.—Of not opening, and of closing upon each other

again when they have opened;

4th. -Of not throwing the guide out of his direction, and of permitting him to return to it if he has been forced out.

495.—The most important point in the direct march being to keep the horses straight in the ranks, it is indispensable that the troopers should preserve the head direct.

To keep themselves aligned, the troopers should feel lightly the boot of the men on the side of the

guide, and march at an equal gait.

The troopers should yield to all pressure coming from the side of the guide, and resist that coming from the opposite side.

The guide should always march at a free and steady gait, and change it with steadiness in order to avoid irregularity in the ranks.

If the troopers are in front or in rear of the alignment, too near to or too far from the man on the side of the guide, they move from or approach him gradually, and in gaining ground to the front.

When the guide feels himself thrown out of his direction, he extends his arm to the front to indicate that there is too much pressure toward him. Then the troopers carry the hand towards the opposite side, give a glance to the guide, and straighten their horses as soon as the guide is relieved.

496.—The corporal of the flank opposite to the guide, is not required to preserve the head direct. He aligns himself upon the guide and the general front of the platoon.

The guide is commanded alternately to the right and to the left, that the troopers may have the habit of dressing equally towards either direction.

When the platoon is halted, the alignment is ordered

towards the side of the guide.

When the instructor wishes to exercise the platoon at the direct march, it is conducted to the extremity of a ground of sufficient extent to admit of its marching sometime without changing the direction.

497.—The platoon being in line, the instructor commands:

- 1. Open files to the left (or to the right).
- 2. March.
- R Right (or left)\_DRESS

The troopers of the rear rank follow their fileleaders, and keep at their proper distances.

The instructor orders the alignment the moment the second trooper from the right has attained his interval.

The troopers being aligned, the instructor indicates to the guide of the right, or of the left, a fixed point in a direction perpendicular to the front of the platoon; he instructs him to take an intermediate point, never to lose sight of these two points, in order to keep himself always in the proper direction, and to select a more distant point as he approaches the one nearest to him.

To give a point of direction, the instructor places himself exactly behind the right file, or the left file, and indicates to the trooper of the front rank an object on the ground which is immoveable and can be distinctly seen, such as a house, a steeple, a mill, a tree; the trooper of the rear rank keeps himself always in file and at his proper distance, so that the front rank man will conceal

from him the point of direction indicated.

498 .- To march the platoon forward, the instructor commands:

- Platoon forward.
   Guide right (or left).
   March.

At the command MARCH, all the troopers move straight forward, at the same gait with the men on the side of the guide.

. As the troopers are not boot to boot, they should give a glance from time to time towards the guide.

During the march the instructor is sometimes at the side of the guide, to assure himself that the troopers march o the same line; and sometimes behind the guide, to observe that he follows the direction indicated.

499.-To halt the platoon, the instructor commands:

- 1. Platoon.
- 2. HALT.
- 3. Right (or left)—Dress.
- 4. FRONT.

At the command HALT, the troopers stop.

At the command right—DRESS, they align themselves.

At the command FRONT, turn the head to the front.

- 500.—The troopers having been sufficiently exercised in marching with open files, the instructor halts the platoon, and commands:
  - 1. Close files to the right (or to the left).
  - 2. MARCH.

- 502.—When the troopers begin to manage their horses properly at the walk, they are required to open and close files, marching at the same gait, taking care not to repeat these movements too often, but to make them march some time after having opened the files, before closing them, and after having closed the files, before opening them; for this purpose the instructor commands:
  - 1. Open files to the left (or to the right).
  - 2. MARCH.

At the command MARCH, all the troopers except the right file make a quarter-turn to the left, at the same time advancing and preserving their alignment; when they are at one pace from the man on the right, they straighten their horses and move forward.

503 .- To close files, the instructor commands:

- 1. Close files to the right (or to the left).
- 2. MARCH.

This movement is executed following the same principles, but by inverse means. Each trooper should close the leg in sufficient time to prevent his horse from pressing against the one on which he closes.

The files are always opened towards the side opposite to the guide, and closed upon him.

504.—These movements having been executed to the right and to the left in marching at the walk, they are repeated at the trot, in passing frequently from the walk t the trot, and from the trot to the walk.

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of the guide, when the platoon returns to its place between the flank-files. After the platoon has marched some time with the flank-files thus detached, the instructor halts them, and moves the platoon forward to its place between them, having directed those files not to move.

When the platoon arrives abreast of the flank-files, the instructor halts it and observes that the troopers re-enter their places together with calminess, and without pressing

towards the guide.

507.—To exercise the troopers in the direct march at the gallop, the progression established for the exercise at the walk and at the trot is followed, except that the ranks are neither opened nor closed, nor are faults committed to be again repaired. It is essential that the rear rank should preserve exactly its distance.

When marching at a gallop, the platoon should habitually pass to the trot, and the walk before being halted; but when the troopers are masters of their horses, it may

be halted sometimes without changing the gait.

#### Counter-march.

508.—The platoon having arrived at the extremity of the ground, in order to change the direction the instructor commands:

- 1. Counter-march—by the right flank.
- 2. By file to the right.
- 3. MARCH.

(Pl. 73, fig. A.) At the command countermarch—by the right flank, the assistant instructor places himself facing to the rear at 6 paces from the rear rank, and in such a position that the trooper who is to be placed on his left may fiv himself in the direction of the left file of the platoon. The file-closer places himself on the right of the platoon, facing to the right, the croup of his horse 1 pace from, and on the line of haunches of the horses of the rear-rank, in order to mark the wheeling point.

At the command MARCH, the trooper on the right of each rank turns to the right, the rear-rank man joining in his movement the front-rank man; they then wheel together to the right, the latter lengthening a little his gait; they pass before the file-closer, very near the croup of the horses of the rear rank, and are followed by the other troopers, who execute successively the same movement, taking care to pass over the same ground.

When the first file is within two paces of the assistantinstructor, who indicates the point on which it is to form, the instructor commands:

#### 1. Front.

The instructor gives the command right—press immediately after that of halt, and commands FRONT when the last file is aligned.

The assistant-instructor and file-closer return to their

places.

509.—The counter-march is executed by the left, on the same principles, at the commands: 1. Counter-march—by the left flank: 2. By file to the left: 3. MARCH. And afterwards: 1. FRONT: 2. HALT: 3. Left—DRESS: 4. FRONT.

510.—The instructor observes that the troopers execute with steadiness their turns to the right or to the left, and that they place themselves on a line parallel to the one originally occupied by the platoon.

The counter-march should generally be executed at the trot. For this purpose, after the second command, the

instructor indicates the gait.

#### Wheelings.

511.—There are two kinds of wheels: the wheel on a fixed pivot, and the wheel on a moveable pivot.

The wheel is always on a fixed pivot, except when the

command is right (or left)—TURN.

The troopers should execute this movement without disuniting, and without ceasing to observe the alignment.

In every kind of wheel, the conductor of the marching flank should measure with his eye the arc of the circle he is to pass over, so that it may not be necessary for the files either to open or close. He turns his head occasionally towards the pivot; if he perceives that the troopers are too much crowded, or too open, he increases or diminishes gradually the extent of his circle, in gaining more ground to the front than to the side.

Each trooper of the front rank should describe his circl in the ratio of the distance at which he may be from t

pivot. As these different arcs are all passed over in the same time, it is necessary that each trooper should slacken list pace in proportion to the distance from the marching flank.

luring the wheel, the troopers should turn the head slightly towar is the marching flank, to regulate the rapidity of their march and to keep themselves aligned; they should also feel lightly the boot on the side of the pivot, in order to remain closed to that side. They should nevertheless yield to pressure coming from the pivot, and resist that from the opposite direction. The horses are slightly turned towards the pivot, in order to keep then upon the circular line they have to pass over.

When the tropers have opened, they should approach the pivet insensibly, diminishing their circle by degrees, in gaining in reground to the front than to the side. It this case, they give alternately a glance to the pivot and to the marching thank, taking care not to force the pivot.

When the treopers have closed too much, they should enleaver to correct the fault gradually, in increasing their circle by degrees, and gaining more ground to the front than to the side. For this purpose, they give alternately a glance to the marching flank and to the pivot, taking care to feel lightly the boot towards the side of the pivot.

In every kind of wheel, the troopers should cease wheel-

rooper who forms the pivot of the wheel turns sown ground, without advancing or reining-back, hout passaging to the right or to the left, so that re of gravity of his horse remains always on the cint. Thus, in wheeling to the right, the shoulthe pivot horse describe an arc of circle in passaleft to right, while the haunches describe anopassing from right to left.

rooper at the pivot should turn his head slightly the marching flank, that he may continue align-

e conductor of that flank.

the platoon is marching, the pivot halts, and the g flank executes its movement at the same gait as he wheel.

e instructor indicates a new gait, in order to he marching flank wheels at this gait; all the oopers, who regulate the rapidity of their march dance with their distance from the marching flank, ely the new gait at the command FORWARD.

the platoon is halted after a wheel on a fixed ne alignment is always ordered towards the side marching flank; but as the pivot should never om its place, the marching flank should come up of it.

the platoon is marched forward after a wheel on pivot, the guide is ordered on the side of the g flank, immediately after the command foruless the movement of the platoon in the squadaires the contrary.

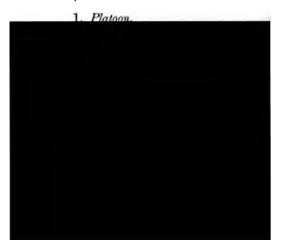
-The wheelings are executed at first in single rank; purpose, the front rank is marched forward, and then arrived at a distance from the rear rank equal e its front; the file-closer remains at his place; the tinstructor places himself behind the front rank; them observes the rank behind which he is placed. anks being aligned, the instructor commands:

- 1. Platoon in circle right (or left) wheel.
- 2. MARCH.

(Pl. 73, fig. B.) At the command MARCI troopers put themselves in motion, turnin head towards the marching flank. The nor missioned officer who conducts this flank mata awalk, measuring with the eye the ext the circle he is to pass over, that neither of nor closing may be caused in the rank, and the troopers may keep aligned. The pivot turns upon his own ground, regulating hi upon the marching flank.

The instructor directs the troopers to avoid as practicable, all pressure in the ranks, which would confusion on extended fronts and at rapid gaits.

514.—When the platoon has executed several w to halt it, the instructor commands:



**serving between them** the same distance, and made to recommence the wheel. When the instructor wishes the platoon to take the direct march, he commands:

- 1. FORWARD.
- 2. Guide left (or right).

At the first command, which is FORWARD, the pivot resumes the gait at which it was previously marching.

All the other troopers straighten their horses, and the two flanks move forward at the same gait, conforming to the principles of the direct march.

At the command guide left (or right), the troopers regulate their movement towards the side indicated.

- 516.—When the troopers have executed several wheels to the right and to the left, interrupted occasionally by direct marches, and when the horses become calm, the instructor causes them to pass to the trot; after several wheels at the trot, they resume the walk.
- 517.—If the platoon is wheeling to the right, and the instructor wishes it to change the wheel to the left without halting, he commands:
  - 1. Platoon in circle left wheel.
  - 2. MARCH.

At the command MARCH, the left flank halts, and becomes the pivot. The right flank assuming the gait at which the left flank was marching, inoves forward and describes a circle proportionate to the extent of the front. All the other troopers

straighten their horses, and guide them so as to pass over new circles in an inverse sense.

When the trappers begin to wheel regularly, the instructor requires the can luctors of the marching flanks to regulate the gaitso as to arrive together in line and in column.

518.—The troopers being sufficiently exercised at the wheels in single rank at the walk and the trot, the ranks are closed and the wheels executed by platoon, in following the same gradation.

The instructor commands:

- 1. Plateon in circle right (or left) wheel.
- 2. MARCH.

Pl. 73, nj. (2) At the command MARCH, the troe pers of the front rank execute this movement, as prescribed, No. 513. The troopers of the rear rank turn the head and earry the hand towards the marching flank, so that each one may be out of the direction of his file-leader by two troopers. For this purpose, the moment the wheel com-

sume their places behind their file-leaders easily. During the wheel, they should regulate their gait so that the rear rank, which aligns itself upon them, may be at its proper distance.

519.-To stop the wheel, the instructor commands:

- 1. Platoon.
- 2. HALT.
- 3. Left (or right)—Dress.
- 4. FRONT.

At the command platoon, the rear rank men straighten their horses and return to the direction of their file-leaders.

At the command HALT, all the troopers stop.

At the command left (or right)—Dress, they align themselves towards the side indicated.

At the command FRONT, turn the head to the front.

The platoon is then marched to the front, and made to repeat the same movement.

**520.**—When the instructor wishes the platoon to resume the direct march, he commands:

- 1. FORWARD.
- 2. Guide left (or right).

At the first command, which is FORWARD, the rear rank men replace themselves behind their ib-leaders, and murch straight forward.

521.—The platoon wheeling to the right, to wheel to the opposite side without halting, the instructor commands:

- 1. Platoon in circle left wheel.
- 2. MARCH.

(Pl. 73, fig. C.) At the command platon in circle left wheel, the rear rank men return to the direction of their file-leaders.

At the command MARCH, the front rank men conform to what is prescribed, No. 517; the rear rank men carry the hand towards the marching flank, as prescribed, No. 518.

The instructor gives the command MARCH, the moment the rear rank men have taken up the direction of their file-leaders.

522.—To give the troopers the habit of correcting faults, the pivot man is directed to bear against the rank, so that the other troopers feeling the pressure from that direction, may learn to gain ground towards the marching flank. The pivot is then directed to gain ground in the connected direction, which would require the other troop.

- 4. Left (or right)—Dress.
- 5. FRONT.

Which is executed on the same principles of the wheel on a fixed pivot.

The instructor gives the command HALT, when the marching flank has nearly terminated its wheel.

\*524.—The platoon being halted, to face it to the rear, the instructor commands:

- 1. Platoon right-about (or left-about) wheel.
- 2. MARCH.
- 3. HALT.
- 4. Left (or right)—DRESS.
- 5. FRONT.

Which is executed following the principles prescribed, No. 523, the platoon passing over a half circle.

The instructor gives the command HALT, when the marching flank has nearly completed the half circle, and the plateon is on a line parallel to the original front.

525.—The platoon being halted, to place it towards its right in a direction oblique to the original front, the instructor commands:

- 1. Platoon right half (or left half) wheel.
- 2. MARCH.
- 3. HALF.
- 4. Left (or right)—Dress.
- 5. FRONT.

Which is executed on the principles of the wheel on a fixed pivot.

The instructor gives the command HALT, when the marching flank has nearly completed its half-wheel to the right or to the left.

526.—Before dressing the platoon, the trooper on the marching flank is made to come up abreast of the pivot man, so that the other troopers will not have to rein-heak in order to align themselves.

527.—The platoon being on the march, the same movements are executed at the commands: 1. Platoon right (or left) wheel, right-about (or left-about) wheel, right-half (or left-half) wheel: 2. MARCH; 3. FORWARD; 4. Guide right (or left).

At the command MARCH, the wheeling flank wheels at the gait at which the platoon was marching; the pivot flank halts.

At the third command, which is FORWARD, the pivot resumes its original pace, and the two flanks

gait and describe his arc of circle so as to cause the files neither to open nor close. The pivot describes an arc of five paces in slackening the gait. In each rank, the troopers from the centre to the marching flank increase the gait progressively, so that the centre man preserves the gait at which the platoon was marching. The troopers from the centre to the pivot slacken the gait progressively. At the end of the wheel on a moveable pivot, the portion of the rank which had augmented its gait should slacken it, and that which had slackened its gait should augment it. All the troopers straighten their horses; the marching flank and the pivot resume the gait at which they originally marched.

529.—The platoon being on the march, and supposed to be the head of the column, to cause it to change direction, the instructor commands:

Head of column to the left (or to the right).

At this command, the assistant instructor commands:

- 1. Left (or right)-Turn.
- 2. FORWARD.

(Pl. 73, fig. D.) At the first part of the first command, which is left (or right,) the pivot prepares to slacken, and the marching flank to augment the gait.

At the second part of the same command, which is TURN, the platoon turns to the left or to the right, the pivot slackening its gait, in describing an arc of five paces; the marching flank augments its gait, and regulates itself by the pivot during the whole of the wheel.

At the last command, which is FORWARD, a the traopers straighten their horses, the pivot a

marching flank moving forward in the gait at the platoon was originally marching.

The troopers not having been exercised to wheel at a gallop on a fixed pivot, they are made to wheel any moveable pivot only in marching at the walk, that the marching flank which should increase its gait will have take only the trot.

530.—To exercise the troopers in wheeling at the selop on a fixed pivot, the progression established for the exercise at the walk and at the trot is followed, except intentional faults are not committed in order to be a rected, and that the platoon is always halted believed in the changing the direction of the wheel.

The instructor changes the gait frequently, and ave

galloping too long to the same hand.

The platoon is exercised also to wheel at the trot with the gallop, in setting out from a halt, and to halt wheeling at these gaits.

#### Individual oblique march.

531.—The platoon marching in line, to cause it to gain ground towards one of its flanks, without changing the front, the instructor commands:

- 1. Right (or left) oblique.
- 2. MARCH.

(Pl. 74, fig. A.) At the command MARCH, the troopers execute all at the same time a quarter-tur to the right, so that the head of each horse may be opposite the extremity of the neck of the horse of his right, and that the right knee of each trooper may be in rear of the left knee of the trooper of

his right. This first movement being executed, the troopers move forward in the new direction, regulating themselves upon the guide.

When the platoon has obliqued sufficiently, the instructor commands:

#### FORWARD.

At this command, the troopers straighten their horses, and move forward, regulating themselves upon the guide.

In the oblique march, the guide is always on the obliquing side, without being indicated; and after the command forward, the guide returns, without indication, to

the side on which it was originally.

When the troopers are not closed they should increase progressively the gait, in order to approach the side towards which they march; they should insensibly slacken the gait if they are too much closed, or more advanced than the flank towards which they oblique. All these movements are executed in gaining more ground to the front than to the side.

582.—The platoon marching at the walk, to execute the oblique at the trot, the instructor commands: 1. Right (or left) oblique—trot; 2. MARCH.

When the platoon has obliqued sufficiently, the instructor commands: FORWARD.

The guide observes particularly to commence the trot without precipitation.

The same course is observed if the platoon is marching at the trot, and the object is to oblique at the gallop.

### The platoon marching in line, to break it by fours or by twos at the same gait.

533.-The instructor commands:

- 1. By fours (or by twos).
  - 2. MARCH.
  - 3. Guide left.

At the command MARCH, the four (or two) first files of the right continue to march forward at the same gait; the other files halt and break successively by fours (or by twos), as prescribed, No. 454.

The platoon marching in line, to break it by file the movement is executed on the same principles, the first file only continuing to march forward.

534.—The platoon marching at the trot, it is broken on

## The platoon marching in column by twos or by fours, to form it at the same gait.

536.—The platoon marching in column, right in front, the instructor commands:

- 1. Form platoon.
- 2. MARCH.
- 3. Guide right.

The movement is executed as prescribed for front into line, No. 462.

537.—The platoon marching in column at the trot, right in front, the instructor commands:

- 1. Form platoon.
- 2. MARCH.
- 3. Guide right.

At the command MARCH, the two (or four) first files pass to the walk; the other files continue to march at the same gait, oblique immediately to the left, march straight forward in this direction, make a quarter-turn to the right on coming opposite the place they are to occupy in the platoon, and pass to the walk on arriving upon the alignment of the first.

At the command guide right, they dress towards the right.

538.—When the command is at the gallop, the platoon is formed on the same principles. The two (or four) first files take the trot, at the command MARCH; the other files

continue to march at the galley, and take the trot on ing upon the alignment of the first.

When the column is marching by file, the plat

firmed on the same principles.

539.—The column marching left in front, the p is formed on the same principles, but by inverse i at the commands: 1. Form plateon: 2. MARCH: 3. left.

# The platoon marching in line break it by fours or by two doubling the gait.

540.—The instructor commands:

- 1. By fours (or by twos)-trot.
- 2. MARCH.
- 3. Guide left.

At the command MARCH, the four (or two files of the right take the trot; the others cor to march at the walk, and take successively the When the platoon marches at the gallop, it is always broken without doubling the gait.

542.—To break the platoon by the left, the movement is executed on the same principles, but by inverse means, at the commands: 1. By fours (or by twos) from the left—trot (or gallop): 2. MARCH: 3. Guide right.

# The platoon marching in column by twos or by fours, to form it in doubling the gait.

543.—The platoon marching in column, right in front, the instructor commands:

- 1. Form platoon—trot.
- 2. MARCH.
- 3. Guide right.

At the command MARCH, the two (or four) first files continue to march forward at the same gait; the other files take the trot, oblique immediately to the left, march in this direction, make a quarter-turn to the right on coming opposite the place they are to occupy in the platoon, and pass to the walk on arriving upon the alignment of the first.

At the command guide right, they dress towards the right.

544.—The platoon marching in column, at the trot, right in front, the instructor commands:

- 1. Form platoon-gallop.
- 2. MARCH.
- 3. Guide right.

Which is executed as prescribed, No. 543.

When the column is at the gallop, the platoon is a formed at the same gait.

When the column is marching by file, the plate formed on the same principles.

545.—The column marching left in front, the pl is formed on the same principles, but by inverse m at the commands: 1. Form plateon—trot (or gallog MARCH: 3. Guide left.

# Movements by fours, the platoon ing in column or in line.

546.—The platoon being in column, right in fron instructor commands:

The movement being nearly completed, the instructor commands .

- 1. HALT.
- 2. Right (or left)—Dress.
  3. Front.

At the command HALT, the troopers straighten their horses and halt with steadiness.

In this movement, the front and rear-rank execute, separately, a wheel on a fixed pivot. Each rank of fours belonging to the rear-rank, is placed at the side of the rank of fours, composed of its file leaders. When the movement is terminated, the platoon is in one rank.

547.—The platoon being in one rank, it is put again in column by the commands prescribed, No. 546; then the Propers of the rear-rank are placed in front of their fileleaders. In executing again two wheels to the left by fours,

the platoon is put in its natural order.

In the first wheel to the left by fours, the leading rank of fours should execute its movement slowly, in order to give the others time to execute theirs; but in the second wheel to the left by fours, the last rank of fours, which becomes head of the column, should execute its movement in lengthening a little the gait, so as not to retard the rear of the column.

548.—The platoon being in column, and having executed a wheel to the left by fours, as prescribed, No. 546, which puts it in a single rank, to face it in the opposite direction, the instructor commands:

- 1. By fours left-about (or right-about)

At the command MARCH, each rank of fours wheels to the left-about on the principles prescribed for the wheel to the left by fours.

To halt after having wheeled about, the instructor com-

- 1. HALT.
- 2. Right (or left)-Dress.
- 3 FRONT.

To put the plateon again in column in the natural order, the instructor causes to be executed a wheel to the left light are.

549.—When the column is marching, the movement is executed as prescribed, No. 546, observing that, at the command MARCH, the pivots halt immediately and turn upon themselves, supporting with the left leg the haunches of their horses.

The movement being nearly terminated the instructor

gie rank, the instructor causes to be executed a wheel to the left-about (or to the right-about) by fours; the movement being nearly terminated, he commands:

- 1. FORWARD.
- 2. Guide right (or left).

To put the platoon again in column in the natural order, the instructor causes to be executed a wheel to the left (or to the right) by fours, and indicates the guide to the left.

- 551.—The platoon marching in column by fours, right in front, to cause it to march to the rear, the instructor commands:
  - 1. By fours left-about (or right-about) wheel.
  - 2. MARCH.
  - 3. FORWARD.
  - 4. Guide right (or left).

Which is executed on the principles prescribed, No. 548, observing that the ranks of fours should finish the movement at the same time; that they should commence the last half of the wheel gently, regulating themselves upon the last rank of fours, which becoming the head of the column, lengthens the gait so as not to retard the others. After this provement, the troopers of the rear rank are placed in front of their file-leaders.

To put the column again in the natural order, the instructor causes to be executed a wheel to the right-about (or to the left-about) by fours.

552.—The platoon being in line, to cause it to gain

ground towards its right or towards its left, the instructor commands:

- 1. By fours right (or left) wheel.
- 2. MARCH.
- 3. Forward.
- 4. Guide left (or right).

The platoon having wheeled to the right by fours, the troopers are formed upon a front of eight. Each rank of fours having executed the movement separately, the four troopers of the rear rank find themselves on the right of the four troopers of the front-rank.\*

<sup>\*</sup> When it is necessary to break a platoon by fours, and there is not sufficient space in front, the instructor commands:

<sup>1.</sup> By fours right (or left) wheel.

<sup>2.</sup> March.

<sup>3.</sup> By fours.

It is the reverse if the movement is executed by the left.

558.—The platoon having wheeled to the right (or to the left) by fours, and being upon a front of eight, to change the direction, the instructor commands:

Head of column to the left (or to the right).

At this command the assistant-instructor commands:

- 1. Left (or right)-Turn.
- 2. FORWARD.

Which is executed as prescribed, No. 457, each rank of eight wheeling upon the same ground with the first as they reach it.

554.—To put the platoon again in line, the instructor commands:

- 1. By fours left (or right) wheel.
- 2. MARCH.
- 3. HALT.
- 4. Right (or left)—Dress.
- 5. FRONT.

555.—The platoon having wheeled to the right (or to the left) by fours, and being formed upon a front of eight, to march to the rear in this order, the instructor causes to be executed a wheel to the right or left-about, as prescribed, No. 550.

556.—The platoon being in line, to cause it to march to the rear, the instructor commands:

- 1. By fours left-about (or right about) wheel.
  - 2. MARCH.

- 3. Forward.
- 4. Guide right (or left).
- (Pl. 74, fig. C.) After this movement, the rearrank is before the front-rank, and the ranks of fours are inverted throughout the platoon.

In the march to the rear, the platoon conforms to the principles of the direct march. The instructor requires the same precision as when they march in the natural order. The platoon is faced to the front by the same movement.

557.—Before commencing the movements by fours, the instructor assures himself that the troopers know their numbers, and that those of the rear rank are at their proper distance. He observes that the pivots do not slacken the gait at the preparatory command; that they halt and turn without reining-back, at the command MARCH; that they gain ground to neither side, and sustain the haunches of their horses, regulating themselves upon the marching flanks: finally, that the men on the marching flanks turn their horses slightly towards the pivots, and that they commence and close the movement gently.

When the column is marching right in front, it wheels by fours to the left-about; and when left in front, it wheels by fours to the right-about.

560.—The platoon marching in line with open ranks, and the files one pace apart, the troopers are made to execute the manual of arms.

561.—The platoon marching in column by file, the propers having the distance of three paces, the instructor causes the exercise of the sabre to be executed; for that of the lance they take the distance of 5 paces.

The exercise being terminated, the troopers are ordered

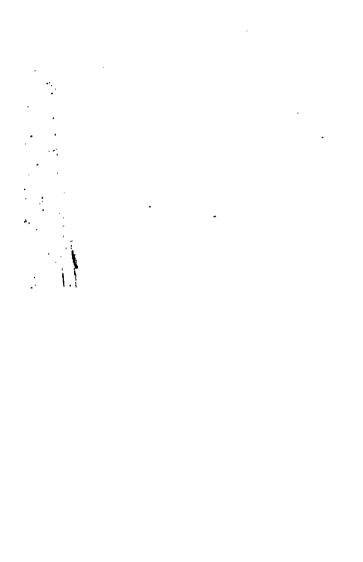
o dismount and file off.

#### ARTICLE FOURTH.

Running at the heads.
To leap the ditch and the bar.
To charge by platoon.
Rallying.
Skirmishing.

## Running at the heads.

562.—(Pl. 75.)—To perfect the troopers in conducting heir horses and in the use of their arms, they are exercised at the running at the heads.



extended, aim and fire, taking care to keep their horses well in hand; they then return the pistol, draw the sabre, carry it to the shoulder, and take the position of GUARD. The two troopers pass again behind the rank opposite to their own, and continue to march upon the track, taking the position of the first motion of front—cut, as prescribed, No. 124.

Having arrived at head No. 1 (fig. E, e), which is on the left of the rank opposite to their own, they cut it vertically; they then take the position of the first motion of right—cut, No. 126 (fig.

F, f).

Having arrived at head No. 3, they cut it horizontally (fig. G, g), and then take the position of the first motion of in quarte—POINT, No. 118 (fig. H, h)

Having arrived at head No. 4, they give point, take it off, and elevate the sabre to the full extent of the arm, the blade and the wrist perpendicular

to the right shoulder.

They pass for the second time behind their own rank. At the middle of the long side, they take the trot and then the walk; on arriving abreast of the opposite rank, they leave the track, take the shortest route (fig. I, i) to the right of their own rank, passing by the rear, and return the sabre.

As soon as the two troopers have taken the trot, they are replaced by the next trooper on the left of each rank; and so on throughout the two ranks, until the course is executed.

toon, observing the principles prescribed, Nos. 414, and following, the troopers taking care to avoid being con-

strained, as much as possible.

When a platoon formed in two ranks is to leap the ditch or the bar, the rear rank halts at the commands: 1. Rear rank. 2. HALT, given by the chief of the platoon, when it arrives at 10 paces from the ditch. The rear rank moves without command after the front rank has leapt.

### To charge by platoon.

569.—The charge will be practised by file, by twos,

fours, and sections, before the charge by platoon.

The troopers being instructed in the individual charge, No. 418, to charge by platoon the instructor orders the The platoon is commanded by the sabre to be drawn. assistant-instructor, that the instructor may be able to move wherever he can best observe the faults.

The opposite line is marked out 200 paces to the front, by two troopers, the distance of the front of the platoon

apart, and facing each other.

To commence the move, the assistant-instructor commands:

- Platoon forward.
   Guide right (or left).

When the platoon has marched 20 paces, the assistantinstructor commands:

- 1. Trot.
- 2. MARCH.

At 60 paces farther, he commands:

- 1. Gallop.
- 2. MARCH.

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At this command, the troopers of both ratake the position of ratio SABRE. (Land front rank, charge—LAMORS, rear rank, care LAMORS, disengaged from the boot.) They a hand and lengthen the gallop, without losing trol of their horses or disuniting.

When the platoon arrives at 20 paces from the troo who trace the new line, the assistant-instructor of mands:

- 1. Attention.
- 2. Platoon.
- 8. HALT.
- 4. Right (or left)—Dress.
- 5. FRONT.

At the command attention, the troopers of the sabre to the shoulder. (Lancers, carry lance.)

At the command platoon, they take the trot.

At the command HALT, they stop.

At the command right—DRESS, they align the selves to the right.

At the command FRONT, turn the head to front.

570.—The troopers should be exercised at the che with the greatest care, without being required to reit too often.

The instructor requires the gallop to be kept up; he that the troopers preserve ease in the ranks; that they a light hand, so that the horses not being constraine their movements may not become too restive. He obse

that the troopers carry the upper part of the body a little forward, in order to aid the impulsion, remaining at the same time well seated, which gives them a facility in conducting their horses and using the sabre; finally, that the rear rank keeps at its proper distance. It is better, however, that the rear rank should have too much than too little room.

The instructor explains to the troopers, that it is in keeping their horses in hand, in causing them to feel from time to time the effect of the bit, in moving parallel to the flank files, and remaining always abreast of them, that the shock of the charge becomes the greatest. Finally, the instructor directs the troopers not to change the gait before the command, and to lengthen the gallop only at the command CHARGE.

### Rallying.

571.—To exercise the troopers in rallying, the platoon is formed at the extremity of the ground, the sabres are drawn, and the signal to disperse is sounded; at this signal, the troopers disperse and charge as foragers; the instructor and the flank files remain in place, to mark out the rallying point. When the troopers have marched 150 or 200 paces, the instructor orders the rally to be sounded.

At this signal, the troopers wheel to the leftabout, rejoin the platoon by the shortest line, and resume their places in the ranks.

The rallying should be executed rapidly but without noise, the troopers entering the ranks always by the rear.

As soon as two-thirds of the troopers have joined, the instructor commands the platoon to move forward. The first time, the platoon is rallied at the trot, and then at t gallop. This movement is repeated without retaining t

flank files; in this case, the troopers rally behind the instructor.

## Skirmishing.

572.—The platoon being supposed to form a part of the squadron, it is dispersed as skirmishers, in order to cover the front and the flanks of the squadron.

The platoon being in line at the extremity of the ground, the instructor causes the schabraques to be raised, the holsters uncovered, and the arms loaded; he marches the platoon forward, and when he wishes to disperse the troopers as skirmishers, he commands:

- 1. Six files from right—as skirmishers.
- 2. MARCH.
- 3. Guide right.

(Pl. 76.) At the first command, the file-closer places himself in front of the six files of the left, of whom he takes command.

These six files are destined to support the skir-

rank, each one placing himself on the left of his file-leader, and as soon as they are in line, all take the position of advance—CARBINE, or raise—PISTOL. They continue to march until the signal halt, No. 2.

The instructor causes the halt to be sounded when the skirmishers are at 100 or 150 paces from the reserve.

The troopers keep at 5 paces apart, regulating themselves towards the guide during the whole time they act as skirmishers.

The assistant-instructor places himself in rear of the skirmishers, in order to superintend their movements.

578.—The chief of the platoon, followed by his trumpeter, places himself half way between the skirmishers and the reserve; he moves along the line wherever he thinks his presence most necessary. The reserve and the akirmishers execute their movements at the signals of the trumpeter who follows the officer.

If the chief of the platoon wishes the skirmishers to move forward, he causes the forward, No. 1, to be sounded; each skirmisher moves forward, regulating his movements by those of the guide and preserving his interval; the reserve follows them, keeping at its proper distance.

To move the skirmishers towards the right, to the right, No. 4, is sounded; each trooper turns to the right and marches in the direction of those who precede him, taking care to preserve his distance; the reserve also turns to the right.

To face the skirmishers again to the front, to the left, No. 8, is sounded; the skirmishers and the reserve turn to the left.

To move the skirmishers towards the left, to the left No. 3, is sounded; each skirmisher turns to the left as

marches in the direction of those who precede him, taking care to preserve his distance. The reserve also turns to the left

To face the skirmishers again to the front, to the right, No. 4, is sounded; the skirmishers and the reserve turn to the right.

If, after having turned to the right, the instructor wishes the skirmishers to move towards the opposite side, he orders the about, No. 5, to be sounded; the skirmishers and the reserve turn to the left-about, and move forward.

If, after having turned to the left, the instructor wishes the skirmishers to move towards the opposite side, he causes the about, No. 5, to be sounded; the skirmishers and the reserve turn to the right-about, and move forward.

During the flank movements, if the troopers are to continue firing, they leave the column and face the enemy for that purpose. As soon as they have fired, they resume their places in the column in doubling the gait.

(Pl. 77.) The skirmishers are marching to the front or at a halt; if the instructor wishes the line to move to the rear, the chief of the platoon orders the retreat to be sounded. At this signal, the troopers of the front rank move forward 5 paces, fire, then turn to the left-about, in order to move to the rear, and retire loading their pieces. When they have marched 50 paces, or more if necessary, the

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The two troopers who are on the flank, turn-about to the left, move to the rear so as to arrive together at the entrance of the defile, which they pass immediately. They are followed closely by the other troopers, who execute successively the same movement; the centre troopers, who cover the defile, enter it the last.

At the going out of the defile, the two troopers who are in front turn, one to the left and the other to the right; and when all the troopers have passed the defile, they stop at the signal to halt, No. 2, and face to the front.

The instructor sometimes rallies the skirmishers immediately after having passed the defile, either to the front or to the rear.

576.—These movements are at first executed at the walk, then at the trot, and finally, at the gallop. When the troopers have learned to perform those movements well, they are exercised at them in executing the manual of arms, and in firing; and finally, with the overcoats rolled and carried over the shoulder. When the troopers are at the gallop, and the instructor wishes them to pass to the trot, he orders the trot, No. 7, to be sounded; when they are at the trot, and he wishes them to pass to the walk, he orders the halt, No. 2, and then the forward, No. 1, to be sounded.

ing fired, moves some steps to the rear, at the same time loading his piece; and as soon as he returns to the line, the rear-rank man of the same file fires, and moves in his turn to the rear.

In the charge as foragers, the men of the rear-rank approach within one or two paces of their file-leaders, to be able to support each other mutually.

As soon as the skirmishers charge, the reserve moves

forward to support them.

The skirmishers retire by turning-about to the left, and face again to the front by turning-about to the right. When they have reformed in platoon, they return the pistol to the holster, or drop the carbine, and draw the sabre. (Lancers carry the lance.)

578.—To relieve skirmishers, the instructor commands to the reserve:

- 1. Six files from left—as skirmishers.
- 2. MARCH.
- 3. Guide right.

At the command MARCH, the reserve disperses and moves up upon the line of old skirmishers. The right trooper of the front-rank passes on the right of the right skirmisher of the front rank; the right trooper of the rear-rank on the right of the right akirmisher of the rear-rank, and so on throughout, each one passing to the right of the one he relieves, and 5 paces beyond him. The old skirmishers turn-about and rally at a gallop on the officer, who during the movement is placed at the point where the six files now become the reserve should reform.

The non-commissioned officer who commanded

the six files of the left, now takes command of the six files of the right.

If there are two non-commissioned officers with the platoon, each one follows the portion of the platoon to which he is attached.

Dragoons.—The dragoons having been sufficiently exercised in all the movements of skirmishing, will be taught to dismount and form with celerity to fight on foot.

At the commencement, all the movements of this instruction will be decomposed, in order to make them better understood.

The platoon being in line, the instructor commands:

## Prepare to fight-On foot.

1 time, 4 motions.

1. At the last part of the command, which is on Foot, prepare to dismount as prescribed, No. 292.

2. Execute what is prescribed, to dismount, No. 292;

Nos. 4, of each rank, will remain mounted.

3. Return to the ranks as prescribed, No. 292, face to the right, pass the reins with the right hand over the head of the horse, seize the extremity of the reins with the left hand, seize them again with the right hand, 6 inches from

The instructor commands:

Dragoons-Into Line.

#### 1 time.

At the last part of the command, which is INTO LINE, move twelve paces to the front, turning the back upon the platoon of horses; half the rear-rank pass to the right by the right-flank, the other half to the left by the left-flank, and place themselves behind their file-leaders.

Nos. 4, who remain on horseback, have charge of the dismounted horses; they take the end of the reins of the first dismounted horse in the left hand, holding them near the bit with the right hand, the nails downward; an assistant-instructor, or file-closer of the platoon, remains with the dismounted horses to direct them.

The dragoons having been sufficiently exercised at the different movements of this instruction, will be required to execute them rapidly without stopping at the several motions, and at the single command, prepare to fight on foot, given by the instructor.

The two ranks being formed, the platoon will be conducted where it is to fight on foot, and will be there exercised in what has been prescribed, Nos. 211, 215, 239.

The dismounted horses will also be exercised in chang-

ing position, by marching by rank and by fours.

When the instructor wishes the dragoons to remount, he will rally them if they are dispersed as skirmishers, as prescribed. No. 239.

The platoon being rallied and formed, the instructor

commands:

### Dragoons about-FACE.

He conducts the platoon rear-rank in front; having come within 12 paces of the horses, he commands:

Dragoons-Mount.

At this command, the dragoons return to their horses rapidly, without alarming them; they sling carbine, mount, and draw the sabre.

The command, dragoons—mount, at the commencement, will be executed in 4 motions and from a halt, that the troopers may better understand it. For this purpose, the platoon being rallied and marching with the rear-rank in front, is halted 12 paces from the horses; the instructor then commands:

## Dragoons-Mount. 1 time, 4 motions.

1. At the last part of the command, which is mount, sling the carbine.

2. Rejoin the horses, the rear-rank men passing to the left and right, as prescribed in dismounting; untie the horse, pass the reins over the neck, unhook the sabre, and take the position of the trooper before mounting, prescribed. No. 267.

3. Execute the two times of prepare to mount, as prescribed, No. 268.

4. Execute the two times of mount, as prescribed, No. 268; adjust the reins, return to the ranks, and draw the salme

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times, but without explanation.

The signature is exercised at the manual of arms once a week; that is done in open ranks; the second captain superintends the rear-rank.

The captain commanding requires the distance between the plateons to be observed exactly in all the movements; he sees that the troopers are not constrained, and that the rear-rank men are not only in the direction of their fileleaders, but that there is always two feet between the head of their horses and the croup of those of the front-rank.

The second captain is charged with the alignment of the rear-rank and the rank of file-closers; he resumes his place in line at the command FRONT.

The captain commanding moves wherever his presence is mist required: the troopers are required to observe atsolute silence, and all rectifications are done by signs, or in a low voice.

four platoons at once, commencing on the right of each rank.

The captain-commanding then gives the command to mount.

At the command form—BANKS, the chiefs of platoon move forward, face to the front by turning to the right-about, and place themselves before the centre of their platoons, the croup of their horses one pace from the head of the horses of the front-rank. The file-closers follow the rearrank.

# Successive alignment of platoons in the squadron.

581.—The squadron being in line, the captain-commanding places the two non-commissioned officers, principal guides of the right and left, upon a line parallel to the front of the squadron, at 30 paces from the particular

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The first platoon being correctly aligned, the first captain commands:

- 1. By platoon-right-Dress.
- 2. FRONT.

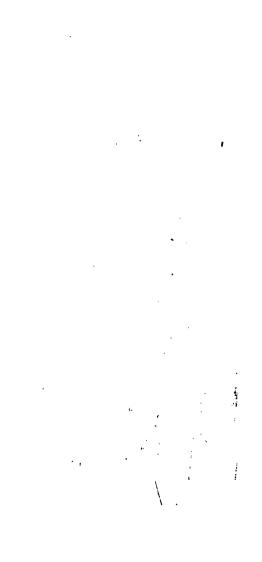
(Pl. 78, fig. B.) At the first command, the movement is executed successively; each chief of platoon moves straight forward, and commands:

1. Right half—WHEEL; 2. FORWARD, so that his platoon may execute its wheel on a fixed pivot at the moment the right arrives opposite the left of the platoon which precedes it.

The squadron being aligned, the first captain

commands: FRONT.

583.—The captain-commanding observes that the officers align themselves promptly, on a line parallel to the base of the alignment, that they do not suffer too much time to elapse between the commands HALT and right—DRESS, so as not to retard the successive alignments; he also observes that the non-commissioned officers pay attention to



right-about, and place themselves opposite the centre of their platoons.

## To break the squadron by fours.

588.—The squadron being in line, the first captain commands:

- 1. By fours.
- 2. MARCH.
- 3. Guide left.

At the first command, the chief of the first platoon places himself in front of the four files of the right, the right particular guide places himself on his right.

At the command MARCH, the four first files march straight forward, and are followed by all the other files, who break successively, as prescribed, No. 454.

The chiefs of the other platoons break with the four first files of their platoons, keeping abreast of

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Having marched some time at the walk, they resume the trot, and after marching again about 1000 paces, they pass to the walk.

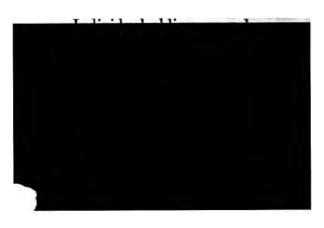
To change the gait, the captain commanding selects a moment when the horses are perfectly calm, and march uniformly; all the troopers assume at the same time, and with steadiness, the gait indicated.

### Change of direction.

598.—The column marching in column by fours, right in front, to change the direction, the first captain commands:

Head of column to the left (or to the right).

Which is executed as prescribed, No. 457, the chief of the first platoon conforming to what is indicated for the assistant-instructor.





line, they place themselves at the centre of their

platoons and align themselves.

The particular guide of the left returns to the left of the squadron, when the four last files arrive upon the line.

The first captain commands FRONT when the four last files are aligned.

596.—The column marching right in front, to form it in line on its left flank, the first captain commands:

- 1. Left into line.
- 2. MARCH.
- 3. Right-Dress.
- 4. FRONT.

At the command MARCH, the four leading files turn to the left and march straight forward; when they have marched 30 paces, the chief of the first platoon commands: HALT.

At this command, the four leading files halt,



at the commands: 1. Front (right or on left) into line: 2. MARCH: 3. Left—DRESS: 4. FRONT.

599.—In all these formations, greater regularity is required in the execution as the troopers become more habituated to them, and the horses become more calm.

The first instruction is repeated several successive days; and when the principles of the direct march in column by fours, the changes of direction, the obliques, and the different formations in line are firmly impressed, all these movements are executed at the troi, and then at the gallop.

### To regulate the rapidity of the gaits.

600.—When the marches and formations, prescribed above, have given sufficient uniformity and precision to the gait, the captain-commanding will regulate their rapidity. For this purpose he measures off two distances, each about 1000 paces, and causes them to be passed over successively at all the gaits, to assure himself that, at the walk, from 100 to 110 paces is passed over per minute, at the trot, from 200 to 220 per minute, and at the gallop, about 300 paces per minute.

# To form the squadron in one rank, and to form it in two ranks.

601.—To form the squadron in one rank, and to reform it in two ranks, the captain-commanding conforms

to what is prescribed, Nos. 469 and 471.

The formation of the squadron in one rank, is employed only for inspections; in this case, the officers pass to the right of the squadron, and after them, the non-commissioned officers, troopers, and trumpeters, according to their rank.

602.—The squadron being formed in two ranks closed, the first captain causes it to dismount and file off, as prescribed, No. 472. The first and second captains, and the chiefs of platoon, remain mounted in order to superintend the movement. The chiefs of platoon dismount successively, when the last files of their platoon have filed off; the first and second captains, when the movement is terminated.

### ARTICLE SECOND.

The squadron being in line, to form it in column with distance.

To march in column with distance.

Changes of direction by successive wheels.

Individual oblique march.

Change of gait, being in column with distance.

To break by fours, by twos, and by file; to form twos, fours, and platoons, at the same gait.

The same movements in doubling the gait.

The squadron marching in column with distance, to face it in the opposite direction, and to face it again to the front.

To halt the column.

To form line on the left.

To break by the right to march to the left.

To form front into line.

To break by platoons to the right, and to move forward after the wheel.

To form line to the front, by inversion.

To break by platoons to the right, head of column to the left, or half left.

To form line faced to the rear, on the rear of the column.

To form line faced to the rear, by inversion, on the rear of the column.

To break by platoons to the right, head of column to the right, or half right.

To form line faced to the rear on

the head of the column.

To form line faced to the rear, by inversion, on the head of the column.

Movements by fours, the squadron being in column with distance.

# The squadron being in line, to form it in column with distance.

603.—The first captain commands:

- 1. Platoons right-wheel.
- 2. March.
- 3. HALT.

(Pl. 80, fig. A.) At the first command, the left file of each platoon prepares to step off promptly, and the pivot to turn upon its own ground.

At the command MARCH, each platoon executes its wheel to the right, following the principles of the wheel on a fixed pivot, the marching flanks taking care to step off and wheel together.

At the command HALT, the marching flanks and all the troopers halt at the same instant, those of the rear rank resuming their places behind their file-leaders.

### To march in column with distance.

604.—The object of the column with distance is, in moving a squadron from one position to another, to make it practicable to form line in every sense.

In this order of column, the guides should preserve between them a distance equal to the front of their platoons, and regulate their gait upon that of the preceding guide.

The preservation of the distances being the most essential point of the march in column, every thing else should yield to it; but the guides must endeavor to avoid changing the gait as much as possible, without the command; and if it happens that their distance is increased or diminished, the fault is repaired gradually and with steadiness.

The chiefs of platoon are responsible for the preservation of the distance, which should be half the front of the platoon, measured from the croup of the horses of the rearrank of one platoon, to the head of the horses of the front-

rank of the next platoon.

The unevenness of the ground may make it sometimes impossible to preserve the direction of the guides; it is then sufficient to require the guide of each platoon to pass by the same points as the guide of the preceding platoon.

The leading platoon of a column should always commence the march moderately, in order to give the column time, from head to foot, to take a uniform and regular movement.

... 605.—The squadron being in open column, right in front, the first captain commands:

- 1. Column forward.
- 2. MARCH.
- 3. Guide left.

At the command MARCH, all the platoons put themselves in motion at the same time.

Before the column commences the march, the first captain gives the guide of the first platoon a point of direction; this non-commissioned officer selects intermedia



All the platoons commence their wheel at 2½ paces before arriving abreast of the head of the horse of the principal guide of the right, so as to prevent the column from being thrown out. This non-commissioned officer resumes his place when the last platoon has completed its wheel.

Immediately after having changed the direction of the column, the first captain gives a new point of direction to

the guide of the first platoon.

The exact preservation of distances, after the changes of direction, depends upon the equality of the increase given to the gait by the marching flanks; it is then important that the leading platoon should turn neither too rapidly nor too slowly, and that each platoon should regulate the rapidity of its wheel upon that of the one which precedes it.

When the change of direction is executed from the side opposite to the guide, the pivot becomes the guide during

the wheel.

#### Individual oblique march.

607.—The squadron marching in column, with distance, right in front, to cause it to gain ground towards one of its flanks, without changing the front of the column, the first captain commands:

- 1. Left (or right) oblique.
- 2. MARCH.

(Pl. 81.) Which is executed at the same time, in each platoon, as prescribed, No. 531.

The guides of the three last platoons pay attention to march on the same line, to preserve the distances, and to keep in a direction exactly parallel to that of the guide of the first platoon.

To resume the primitive direction, the first captain comman is:

#### FORWARD.

Which is executed at the same time, in each plateon, as prescribed, No. 531.

608.—When the oblique march is executed towards the side opposite to the guide, the file-closers preserve their places notwithstanding the change of guide.

Change of gait, being in column with distance.



The chiefs of plateon conform to what is prescribed in order to break by fours, and give the commands: HALT, and then 1. By twos; 2. MARCH, so as to cause no confusion in the column.

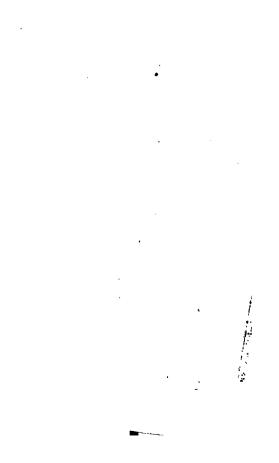
612.—The squadron marching in column by twos, right in front, to break by file at the same gait, the first captain commands:

1. By file.
2. MARCH.

Which is executed as prescribed, No. 611, in order to break by twos, the particular guide of the right placing himself behind the chief of the first platoon.

613.—The squadron marching in column with distance, at the *trot*, right in front, to break by fours, at the same gait, the first captain commands:

1. By fours.



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in front, to form fours, at the same gait, the first capt commands:

- 1. Form fours.
- 2. MARCH.

Which is executed as prescribed, No. 615, is order to form twos.

017.—The squadron marching in column by fours, right in front, to form platoon at the same gait, the first captain commands:

- 1. Form platoons.
- 2. MARCH.

At the first command, the chief of the first pla-

toon commands: Form platoon.

At the command MARCH, repeated by the chief of the first platoon, the particular guide of the right places himself on the right of this platoon, which forms as prescribed, No. 536; the chief of the platoon commands HALT, after having marched 20 paces.

The other platoons continue

by fours, and f

each platoon passing also to the walk, at the command maken given by their chiefs, when they arrive at their

proper distance.

When the column is at the gallop, to form twos, fours, &c., the same principles are observed, the two or four first files of each platoon passing to the trot at the command MAROH, given by their chief.

619.—When these formations are executed at the trot, and at the gallop, the guide is announced by the first captain as soon as the first files have doubled, or the first platoon is formed; in the last case only, each chief of platoon repeats the command of the guide as soon as his platoon is formed.

620.—In these formations at the walk, the guide is not announced, as the head of the column halts.

# To break by fours, by twos, and by file; to form twos, fours, and platoons, in doubling the gait.

621.—The squadron marching in column with distance, right in front, to break by fours, in doubling the gait, the first captain commands:

- 1. By fours-trot.
- 2. MARCH.
- 3. Guide left.

At the first command, repeated by the chief of the first platoon, this officer, and the particular guide of the right, place themselves as prescribed, No. 588.

.. At the command MARCH, repeated by the chi

of the first platoon, this platoon breaks by fours,

as prescribed, No. 540.

The other platoons continue to march at the walk; their chiefs command successively by fours—trot, in sufficient time to command MARCH, the moment the four last files of the preceding platoon commence their oblique movement in order to enter the column.

These principles are applicable to breaking by twos and by file.

622.—When the column is at the trot, to break at the gallop, the same principles are observed, at the commands:

1. By fours—gallop; 2. MARCH; 8. Guide left.

When the column is at the gallop, these movements are always executed at the same gait, as prescribed, No. 614.

623.—The squadron marching in column by file, to form twos, in doubling the gait, the first captain commands:

1. Form twos-trot.

2. MARCH.

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The first captain commands guide left when the first platoon is formed, and gives a point of direction.

Each chief of platoon repeats successively the command of the guide as soon as his platoon is formed.

526.—When the column is at the *trol*, these formations are executed at the *gallop*, following the same principles, at the commands: 1. Form twos, or form fours, or form platoons—gallop: 2. MARCH.

When the column is at the gallop, these movements are executed as prescribed, No. 618, the head of the column passing to the trot at the command MARCH.

627.—The foregoing movements are employed in passing defiles; the first captain placing himself always at the head of his squadron in order to direct the movements of it according to the localities. If it happens that the chiefs of the last platoons do not hear the command, they conform immediately to the movements of the platoons

- 1. Platoons left-about wheel.
- 2. MARCH.

(Pl. 82, fig. A.) At the first command, the trooper on the left of each platoon, who becomes the pivot, prepares to halt, without however slack-

ening his pace.

At the command MARCH, the pivots halt, and the marching flanks whoel at the gait in which the column was marching, regulating themselves upon the outer flank of the platoon at the head of the column, so as to complete the first half of the movement at the same instant.

The marching flanks are then governed by the platoon, which becomes the head of the column after the movement is completed.

The movement being nearly finished, the first captain commands:

- 1. FORWARD.
- 2. Guide right.

During this movement, the particular guide of the left places himself on the left of the fourth platoon; the particular guide of the right takes his place as file-closer in rear of the second file from the right of the first platoon, and the other file-closers pass to the side opposite to the guide.

629.—To cause the squadron to resume its primitive direction, the first captain commands: 1. Platoons rightabout wheel; 2. March; 3. Forward; 4. Guide left; which is executed as prescribed, No. 628, but by inverse means.

680.—The wheel-about is usually commanded towards

the side of the guide; it may, however, be towards the other side when it becomes necessary.

#### To halt the column.

631.—The column being on the march, to halt it, the first captain commands:

- 1. Column.
- 2. HALT.

At the first command, all the platoons prepare to halt.

At the command HALT, all the platoons halt at the same time.

After the command HALT, there should be no movement in the platoons, the distances and directions should be corrected only in marching.

The first captain places himself behind the guide of the second platoon, to see if the guides of the first and second platoon have marched upon the point indicated; he also because if the prescribed distances have been as

- 3. HALT.
- 4. Right-Dress.
- 5. FRONT.

(Pl. 82, fig. B.) At the first command, the particular guide of the right moves upon the prolongation of the direction of the guides of the column, at the distance of the front of a platoon, facing the side towards which the line will be formed.

At the command MARCH, the squadron wheels into line, the trooper on the left wing of each platoon serving as pivot, and turning upon his own ground.

The first captain commands HALT, the moment the marching flanks have nearly completed their

movement, and then right-DRESS.

At this command, all the platoons align them-

The squadron being aligned, the first captain

During the wheel, the particular guide of the left resumes his place in line.

688.—The first captain, after having commanded left into line wheel, assures himself, before commanding march, that the particular guide of the right is exactly upon the direction of the guides of the column.

Immediately after commanding HALT, he moves rapidly to the right flank of the squadron, to observe that the pivots execute their movements properly, and that the

officers and troopers align themselves correctly.

The particular guide, who moves upon the prolongation of the guides of the column, should take rather too much ground than not enough. The conductor of the march-

ing flank of the leading platoon, should align himself upon this guide, without endeavoring to approach him.

634.—To form the squadron in column with distance, left in front, the first captain commands: 1. *Platoons left wheel*: 2. March; 3. Halt: which is executed as prescribed. No. 603, but by inverse means.

To march in column with distance, left in front, the first captain commands: 1. Column forward: 2. March: 3. Guide right: which is executed as prescribed when the column has the right in front.

The changes of direction by successive wheels, and the individual oblique march, when the column has the left in front, are executed on the same principles as when the right is in front; except, that in the changes of direction, it is the principal guide of the left who marks the point of the wheel, placing himself as has been prescribed for the principal guide of the right when the right is in front.

The squadron marching in column with distance, leftin front, it is made to break by fours, by twos, and by file, to form twos, fours, and platoons, at the same gait, or in doubling the gait, following the principles prescribed when the right is in front, but by inverse means.

To break by fours, twos, &c., the first captain commands: 1. By fours (or by twos, or by file) from the left:

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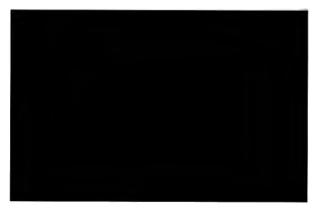
#### Guide right.

The second captain passes by the rear of the column to the side opposite to the guides; the first captain passes by the head of the column to the side of the new guides, rectifies their direction, then halts the column, and commands:

- 1. By inversion right into line wheel.
- 2. MARCH.
- 3. HALT.
- 4. Left-Dress.
- 5. FRONT.

Which is executed as prescribed, No. 632, but by inverse means.

During the movement, the particular guide of the left places himself on the right of the fourth platoon, and the particular guide of the right, who moves on the prolongation of the new guides of the column, remains on the left of the first platoon.



639.—The squadron marching in column with distance, left in front, it is formed in line on its left flank by inversion (after having changed the guide and halted the column), on the principles prescribed, No. 636, but by inverse means, at the commands: 1. By inversion left into line wheel; 2. MARCH; 8. HALT; 4. Right—DRESS; 5. FRORT.

640.—To put the squadron again in column, left in front, the first captain commands: 1. Platoon right wheel; 2. MARCH; 8. HALT (or FORWARD); 4. Guide right.

The squadron may also be put in natural order, by wheeling the platoons to the right (or left) about.

### To break to the rear by the right to march to the left.

641.—The squadron being in line, the first captain commands:

- 1. Platoons break by the right to the rear—to march to the left.
  - 2. MARCH.

(Pl. 88, fig. B.) At the first command, the chief of the first platoon commands: Platoon right-about wheel.

At the command MARCH, repeated by the chief of the first platoon, this platoon executes its wheel to the right-about; when nearly terminated, its chief commands: 1. FORWARD; 2. Guide left; and after marching 10 paces straight forward, he commands: 1. Right—Turn; 2. FORWARD.

The chief of the second platoon, and successively

those of the third and fourth, commands: Platon right-about wheel, when the chief of the platon on their right commands MARCH, and they command MARCH, when that platoon has passed over three-fourths of its first wheel.

#### To form on right into line.

642.—The squadron marching in column with distance, right in front, to form it in line on the prolongation and in advance of its right flank, the first captain commands:

- 1. On right into line.
- 2. MARCH.
- 3. Guide right.
- 4. FRONT.

(Pl. 86.) At the first command, the chief of the first platoon commands: Right.

At the command MARCH, he commands: TURN; the platoon turns to the right and moves forward

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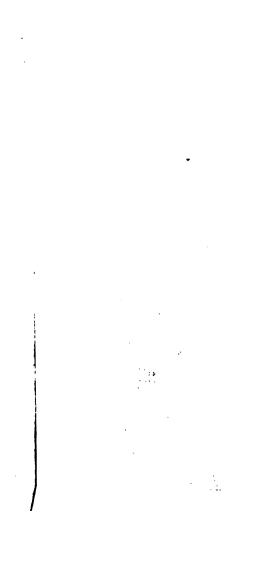
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- 644.—The squadron being in line, it is broken by the left to the rear to march to the right, on the principles prescribed, No. 641, but by inverse means, at the commands: 1. Platoons break by the left to the rear—to march to the right; 2. MARCH.
- 645.—The squadron marching in column with distance, left in front, to form it in line on the prolongation and in advance of its left flank, follow the principles prescribed, No. 642, but by inverse means, at the commands: 1. On left into line; 2. MARCH; 3. Guide left; 4. FRONT.
- 646.—The squadron marching in column with distance, left in front, to form it in line upon the prolongation and in advance of its right flank, conform to the principles prescribed, No. 643, but by inverse means, at the commands: 1. By inversion on right into line; 2. MARCH; 3. Guide right; 4. FRONT.

#### To break by platoons to the front.

647.—The squadron being in line, the first captain commands:



left half-wheel is executed, commands: 1. Forward; 2. Guide right, and marches straight forward. When the right of his platoon arrives opposite the left of the platoon which precedes, he commands: 1. Right half-wheel; 2. FORWARD: and when he arrives abreast of the file-closer: 1. Halt; 2. Right—Dress.

The squadron being aligned, the first captain

commands: FRONT.

649.—This formation is executed in the same manner, when the column is on the march; in this case, the chief of the first platoon, continuing to march on, does not command platoon forward, nor MARCH, but repeats the indication of the guide.

650.—The squadron being in line, it is broken by the left by platoons to march to the front, on the principles prescribed, No. 647, but by inverse means, at the commands: 1. By the left—by platoons to the front; 2. MARCE; 3. Guide right.

651.—The squadron being in column with distance, left

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toon commands: Platoon forward; and the three other chiefs of platoon command: Platoon right half-wheel.

At the command MARCH, repeated by these officers, the movement is executed as prescribed, No. 648, but by inverse means.

This formation is executed in the same manner, when the column is marching; in this case, the chief of the first platoon does not command platoon forward, nor MARCH, but repeats the indication of the guide.

654.—The squadron being in line, it is broken by platoons to the left, in order to move forward after the wheel, following the principles prescribed, No. 652, but by inverse means, at the commands: 1. Platoons left wheel; 2. March: 3. Forward: 4. Guide right.

655.—The squadron being in column with distance, left in front, to form line by inversion upon the head of the column, follow the principles prescribed, No. 653, but by inverse means, at the commands: 1. By inversion front into line: 2. MARCH: 3. Guide right: 4. FRONT.

This formation is executed in the same manner when

- 1. Platoons right-wheel—head of column to the left or half left.
  - 2. MARCH.
  - 3. FORWARD.
  - 4. Guide left.

At the command MARCH, each platoon executes its wheel to the right.

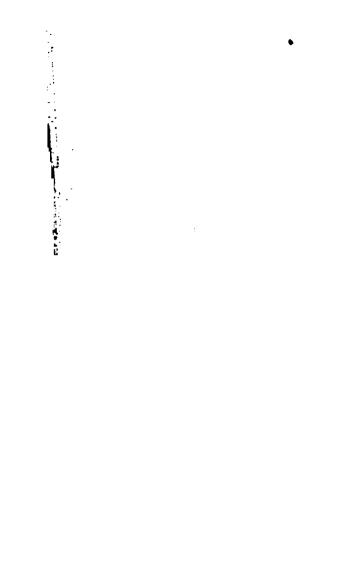
At the third command, the chief of the first platoon commands: 1. Beft—TURN: 2. FORWARD: the other platoons move on and turn successively at the command of their chiefs, on the ground upon which the first had turned.

The first captain commands, FORWARD, when the wheels are nearly completed, and gives a point of direction.

## To form line faced to the rear, on the rear of the column.

657.—The squadron being in column with distance, right in front, to form line faced to the rear, the first captain commands:

- 1. Platoons left-about wheel.
- 2. MARCH.
- 8. Front into line.
- 4. MARCH.
- 5. Guide left.
- 6. FRONT.
- (Pl. 78.) At the second command, each platoon executes its wheel to the left-about.



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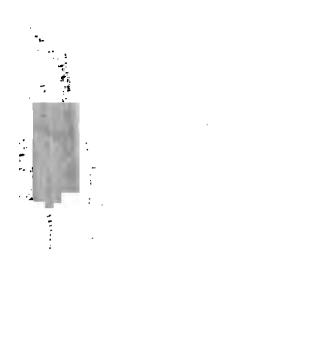
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#### 3. Guide left.

(Pl. 88.) Which is executed as prescribed for by inversion front into line, right in front, No. 653, but without rectifying the alignment.

The squadron being formed, the first captain immediately commands:

- 1. Platoon left-about wheel.
- 2. MARCH.
- 3. HALT.
- 4. Right-Dress.
  - 5. FRONT.

## To form line faced to the rear, by inversion, on the head of the column.

664.—The squadron being in column with distance, right in front, and obstacles are presented on its right flank, to form line upon the head of the column, faced to the rear, the first captain commands:

- 1. Front into line.
- 2. MARCH.
- 8. Guide right.

Which is executed as prescribed for front into line, right in front, No. 648, but without rectifying the alignment.

The squadron being formed, the first captain immediately commands;

- 1. Platoons right-about wheel.
- 2. MARCH.
- 3. HALT.
- 4. Left-Dress.
- 5. FRONT.
- 665.—The squadron being in line, to break by platoens to the left, head of column to the left or half left, follow the principles prescribed, No. 662, but by inverse means, at the commands: 1. Platoons left wheel—head of column to the left (or half left); 2. MARCH; 3. FORWARD; 4. Guide right.
- 666.—The squadron being in column with distance, left in front, to form line upon the head of the column, faced to the rear, follow the principles prescribed, No. 663, but by inverse means, at the commands: 1. By inversion front into line; 2. March; 3. Guide right; and the squadron being formed, 1. Platoons right-about wheel; 2. March; 3. Hall: 4. Left—Dress; 5. Front.
- 667.—The squadron being in column with distance, left in front, and obstacles are presented upon its left flank, to form in line upon the head of the column faced to the rear, less prescribed, No. 664, but by inverse the line; 2. March:

right in front, to cause it to gain ground towards its left flank, the first captain commands:

- 1. By fours left wheel.
- 2. MARCH.
- 3. FORWARD.
- 4. Guide right.
- (Pl. 89, fig. A.) At the command MARCH. the wheels are executed in each rank by fours, as prescribed, No. 552.

If, instead of moving forward, after having wheeled to the left by fours, the first captain wishes to halt the column, he commands: HALT.

To take a direction parallel to the first, and return to column with distance, the first captain commands:

- 1. By fours right wheel.
  2. MARCH.
- 8. HALT.

Which is executed on the same principles, but inverse means.

If, instead of halting, the first captain wishes the column to march forward, he commands: 1. FORWARD; 2. Guide left.

669.—The squadron being in column with distance, right in front, it is caused to gain ground towards its right fank, by the commands: 1. By fours right wheel; 2. MARCH; 8. FORWARD; 4. Guide left; and to resume the primitive direction, at the commands: 1. By fours left wheel; 2. MARCH; 8. HALT (or FORWARD); 4. Guide

- 670.—The squadron being in column with distance; right in front, to cause it to march to the rear, the first captain commands:
  - 1. By fours left-about wheel.
  - 2. MARCH.
  - 3. FORWARD.
  - 4. Guide right.
- (Pl. 89, fig. B.) At the command MARCH, the movement is executed, in each rank by fours, as prescribed, No. 556.

If, instead of moving forward after the wheel to the leftabout by fours, the first captain wishes to halt the column, he commands: HALT.

To return to the primitive direction, the first captain commands:

- 1. By fours right-about wheel.
- 2. MARCH.
- 3. HALT.

chiefs of platoon march behind the centre of their platoons, and the file-closers in front. The particular guide of the right is on the left of his platoon, and the particular guide

of the left in front of his.

During the march by flank, the first captain observes that all the ranks march on the same line, regulate their movements towards the side of the guide, and preserve a direction parallel to that of the first platoon: that the troopers keep exactly at the distance of two feet from, and follow those who precede them; he observes that the chiefs of the three last platoons preserve their proper intervals on the side of the guide, so that it may not be necessary to correct distances when the squadron returns to the order in column.

The movements by fours are executed in the same man-

ner, when the column is marching.

The squadron marching in column with distance, left in front, all these movements are executed on the same principles.

#### ARTICLE THIRD.

Direct march of the squadron in line.

Counter-march.

Wheelings.

To wheel on a fixed pivot.

To wheel on a moveable pivot. Individual oblique march.

Oblique march by platoons.

Movements by fours.

The squadron being in line, to cause it to gain ground to the rear, and to face it again to the front.

The squadron marching in line, to break by platoons to the right, and to form it again in line.

The squadron marching in line, to march it to the rear by wheeling the platoons about.

The squadron marching in line, to break it to the front by platoons, and to reform it.

The squadron marching in line, to break it to the front by platoons, in

The troopers, to keep aligned, should feel lightly the boot of the men on the side of the guide; this principle is borne constantly in mind, as it is the only means of being at ease in the ranks, and preserving the individual alignment. With respect to the general alignment, the noncommissioned officers and flank files endeavor to remain aligned between each other; consequently they will not be required to keep the eyes to the front, but from time to time will give a glance towards the guide, in order to keep on the same line, avoiding to carry the bridle hand in that direction, that there may be no crowding in the ranks.

678.—It has already been stated, that the guide of a troop should never put himself in motion suddenly; the guide of the squadron should then commence the gait indicated, slowly. He should also pass gradually from a slow gait to a quick gait, and from a quick to a slow gait; this principle is applicable also to the troopers, who should correct their positions with respect to the alignment by degrees, in quickening or slackening the pace.

The direction given to the guide having a great influence upon the regularity of the march, it is necessary that the fixed point should be always chosen in a direction exactly perpendicular to the front of the squadron; if the localities do not permit the particular guide to take intermediate points sufficiently prominent, they are supplied by the file-closers, who are placed facing the guide, at 60 paces apart: they replace themselves on the prolongation of the same direction, as the squadron reaches them.

674.—The first captain, after having announced the guide, moves to the rear, and gives him a fixed point of direction upon which the squadron is to march, and indicates it also to the non-commissioned officer who replaces the particular guide in the front rank, the latter serving as an intermediate point for the former. The fixed point is also made known to the second captain.

The first captain, if he thinks proper, may charge the

second captain with giving the direction.

The point of direction being given, the first captain



The second captain observes that the rear-rank men are exactly at their proper distance, and that the file-closers march well aligned.

679.—The regularity of the march in line depending much upon the attention which the flank files pay to their alignment, these files should be at first exercised separately.

680.—The squadron being in line, and correctly aligned, the first captain commands:

- 1. Flank files forward.
- 2. Guide right.
- 8. MARCH.

At the second command, the particular guide of the right moves up abreast of the chiefs of platoon; he is immediately replaced by the file-closer of the first platoon.

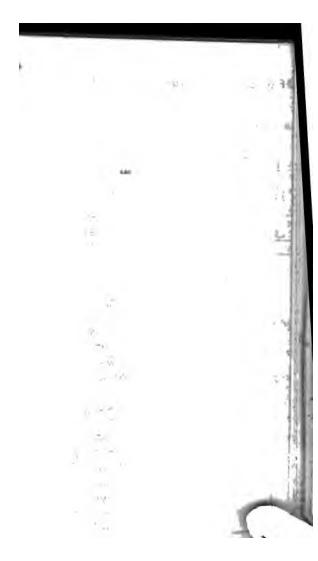
At the command MARCH, the chiefs of platoon, the flank files, (right and left file of each platoon,) and the particular guides, move straight forward, the flank files preserving between each other the necessary interval, in order to receive the troopers of their platoons, and when they have marched 30 paces, the first captain commands:

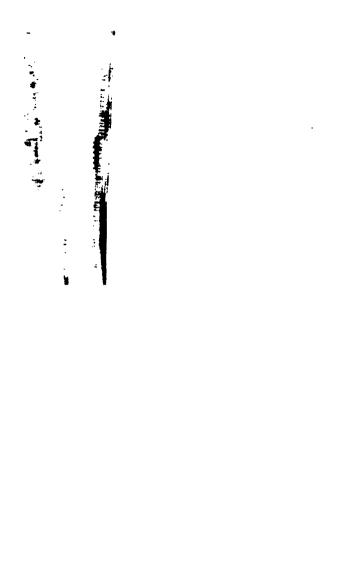
- 1. Flank files.
- 2. HALT.

At the command HALT, the chiefs of platoon, the flank files, and the particular guides, halt.

The first captain, after being assured that the flank files have marched in a direction perpendicular, and upon a line parallel to the front of the squadron, commands:

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chiefs of platoon turn to the right, the chief of the first platoon placing himself in front of his first file; the file-closers turn to the left, and pass to the left of the squadron, those of the second division abreast of the front rank, the second captain on their left, those of the first division abreast of the rear rank.

The particular guide of the right places himself promptly behind the particular guide of the left, facing to the rear, the croup of his horse at 6 paces from the rear rank.

At the command MARCH, the movement is executed as prescribed, No. 508.

When the first file is at 2 paces from the particular guide who indicates the place where it is to form, the first captain commands:

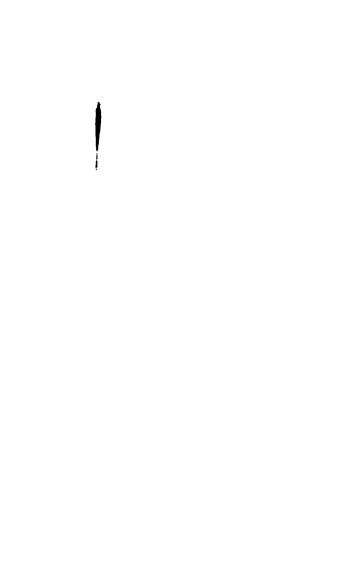
- 1. FRONT.
  2. HALT.

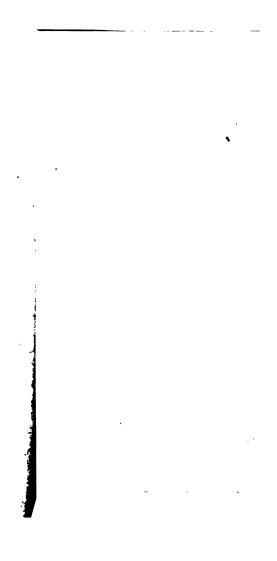
  - 3. Right-Dress.
  - 4. FRONT.

The file-closers follow the movement, and resume their places as they arrive at them.

After having commanded MARCH, the first captain moves rapidly to the flank by which the movement is executed, in order to direct the head of the column, and to re-form the squadron to the rear upon a line parallel to the one it at first occupied.

At the commands HALT, and right—DRESS, the second captain turns-about and places himself abreast of the rear rank to align it.





At the third command, the squadron dresses to the left.

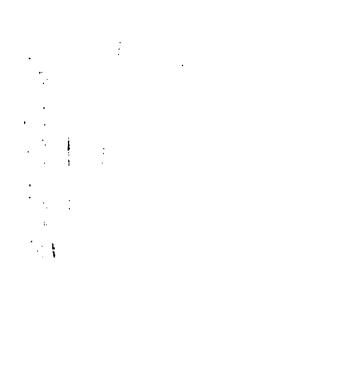
The squadron being aligned, the first captain commands: FRONT.

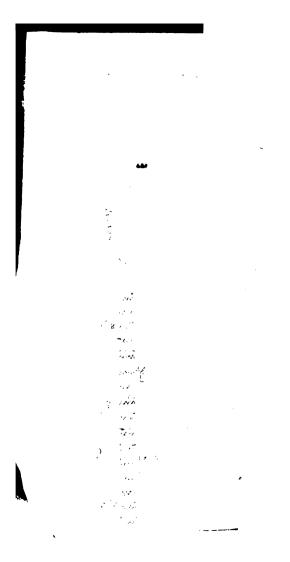
695.—If, instead of halting, the first captain wishes to resume the direct march, he commands:

- 1. FORWARD.
- 2. Guide left.

At the first command, the troopers of the rear rank straighten their horses, and place themselves behind their file-leaders, and the whole squadron moves forward at the gait in which it was marching before the wheel.

696.—The squadron is halted, if the slightest confusion arises during the wheel; the first captain explains the origin of the fault, and the means of repairing it.

When the troopers begin to understand these movements, the whole circle is passed over several times without halting. 



#### FORWARD.

. Pl. 94, ng. A.) Which is executed as prescribed, No. 531.

700.—The squadron marching in line, it is made to gain ground towards its left flank, without changing the front, on the same principles, but by inverse means, at the commands: 1. Left oblique: 2. March: it resumes the primitive direction at the command: FORWARD.

707.—During the oblique march, the first captain observes that the chiefs of platoon keep on the same line, preserve between them the same interval, and follow parallel directions, in order to preserve the general alignment.

The particular guide who marches abreast of the chiefs of platoon, after having executed a quarter-turn to the pick, moves straight forward.

This movement is executed at the walk, or at the trot, but never at the gallop.

## Oblique march by platoons.



ward, conforming to the principles of the direct march.

To cause the squadron to resume the primitive direction, the first captain commands:

- 1. Platoons left half-wheel.
- 2. MARCH.
- 3. FORWARD.
- 4. Guide right.

Which is executed as just prescribed, but by inverse means.

709.—In the oblique march by platoons, the pivots of the platoons should all halt at the same instant, at the command MARCH, so that all the wheels may terminate at the same time.

During this march, the right guide of the first platoon marches directly upon the point which has been indicated to him. The guides of the other platoons preserve their distances, take for file-leader the fourth trooper from the left of the platoon which precedes them, and keep at two paces from him.

The first captain places himself habitually at two paces outside, and abreast of the front-rank of the second platoon.

The second captain behind the guide of the first platoon, in order to superintend his direction:

The chiefs of platoon at the centre of their platoons, the head of their horses on a line with the boot of the rearrank man of the platoon which precedes;

The particular guides, and the file-closers, remain at their places in line.

710.—If the squadron is marching, and this movement is executed, the particular guide who marches abreast of

the chiefs of platoon, makes a half-turn to the right, and then marches straight forward.

The oblique march by platoons is executed at the walk, at the trot, and at the gallop, the squadron being halted or in motion.

711.—The squadron being in line, it is made to gain ground towards its left flank on the same principles, but by inverse means, at the commands: 1. Platoons left half-wheel: 2. MARCH: 3. FORWARD: 4. Guide left, and resumes the primitive direction at the commands: 1. Platoons right half-wheel: 2. MARCH: 3. FORWARD: 4. Guide right.

## Movements by fours.

- 712.—The squadron being in line, to cause it to gain ground towards its right flank, the first captain commands:
  - 1. By fours right wheel.
  - 2. MARCH.
  - 3. Forward.
  - 4. Guide left.

#### Head of column to the left.

The chief of the first platoon commands: 1. Left—TURN: 2. FORWARD: which is executed as prescribed, No. 558.

To change direction to the right, the movement is executed on the same principles, but by inverse means, at the command: Head of column to the right.

714.—To put the squadron again in line, the first captain commands:

- 1. By fours left wheel.
- 2. MARCH.
- 8. HALT.
- 4. Right-Dress.
- 5. FRONT.

Which is executed as prescribed, No. 554, the particular guides resuming their places in line.

715.—These movements are executed by the left, on the same principles, at the commands: 1. By fours left wakes: 2. MARCH: 3. FORWARD: 4. Guide right: and 1. By fours right wheel: 2. MARCH: 3. HALT: 4. Left—DRESS: 5. FRONT.

The squadron being in line, to cause it to gain ground to the rear, and to face it again to the front.

716.—The squadron being in line, to face it in the opposite direction, the first captain commands:

- 1. By fours right-about wheel.
- 2. MARCH.

- 3. FORWARD.
- 4. Guide left.

(Pl. 96.) Which is executed as prescribed, No. 554.

The chiefs of platoon, the file closers, and the particular guides, wheel-about individually, and march, the chiefs of platoon behind the centre of their platoons, the file-closers in front, and the particular guides abreast of the rear-rank, become the front.

At the fourth command, the file-closer nearest the guide passages to the left, in order to place himself in front of the particular guide; the first captain gives him a point of direction, which is also indicated to the particular guide, who, in this movement, remains on the flank of the squadron.

The squadron is faced again to the front, by a movement similar to the one just stated.

The wheels to the left-about by fours, are executed on the

- 1. Platoons right wheel.
- 2. MARCH.
- 3. FORWARD.
- 4. Guide left.

Which is executed as prescribed, No. 652, the pivots halting short, and the left file of each platoon stepping out promptly and regulating its movements upon that of the platoon which is in front, so as to arrive together in column.

To put the squadron again in line, the first captain commands:

- 1. Platoons left wheel.
- 2. MARCII.
- 8. FORWARD.
- 4. Guide right.

The marching flanks regulate their movements upon those of the platoon at the head of the column, so as to arrive together in line.

The second captain gives a point of direction to the particular guide, who moves up on the line of officers, and indicates it also to the file-closer who replaces him on the flank of the squadron.

These movements are executed on the same principles, when the squadron is marching at the *trot* and at the *gallop*.

718.—The squadron marching in line, it is made to gain ground towards its left flank, on the same principles, but by inverse means, at the commands: 1. Platoons left wheel: 2. MARCH: 3. FORWARD: 4. Guide right: and is



the squadron, instead of commanding forward, he commands: 3. Halt: 4. Left—Dress: 5. Front.

720.—This movement is executed by the left, on the same principles, but by inverse means, at the commands:

1. Platoons left-about wheel: 2. MARCH: 3. FORWARD:

4. Guide right.

721.—In these movements, the particular guide of the right turns to the right, moves straight forward the extent of the front of a platoon, and turns again to the right, in order to place himself on the left of the squadron. The particular guide of the left executes the same movement, to place himself on the right of the right of the squadron.

These movements are executed from a halt, and in marching at the trot and at the gallop.

The squadron marching in line, to break it to the front by platoons, and to reform it.

#### 722.—The first captain commands:

- 1. By platoons to the front.
- 2. MARCH.
- 8. Guide left.

Which is executed as prescribed, No. 647, except that the chief of the first platoon, continuing to march on, does not command platoon forward



The squadron marching in line, to break it to the front by platoons, in doubling the gait, and to reform it.

726.—The first captain commands:

- 1. By platoons to the front—trot.
- 2. MARCH.
- 8. Guide left.

At the first command, the chief of the first platoon commands: Trot: and those of the three other platoons command: Platoon right half-wheel—trot.

At the command MARCH, repeated by these officers, the movement is executed as prescribed, No. 647.

The squadron marching in line at the trot, the movement is executed at the gallop on the same principles.

727.—The squadron marching in column with distance, right in front, to form it in doubling the gait, the first captain commands:

- 1. Form squadron—trot.
- 2. MARCH.
- 8. Guide right.
- (Pl. 98.) At the first command, the chiefs of the three last platoons command: Platoon left half

At the command MARCH, repeated by the chiefs of the three last platoons, the first platoon continues to march straight forward at the walk, and its chief repeats the indication of the guide.

The three other platoons execute their half-wheel

to the left at the trot, on a fixed pivot.

The half-wheels being nearly terminated, the chiefs of these platoons command: 1. FORWARD: 2. Guide right: they move straight forward, and as soon as the right file of their platoon is in the direction of the left file of the platoon which precedes, they command: 1. Right half-wheel: 2. MARCH: 3. FORWARD: and then, walk: in sufficient time to command MARCH, when their platoon arrives in line; then the troopers resume the walk, and align themselves in marching.

Each platoon, after its half-wheel to the left, moves straight forward on the point where it is to turn, and without obliquing towards the platoons

which precede it.

729.—The squadron marching in line, it is broken by the left by platoons, in doubling the gait, on the principles prescribed, No. 738, but by inverse means, at the commands: 1. By the left—by platoons to the front—trot (or gallop): 2. MARCH: 3. Guide right. The squadron is reformed, in doubling the gait, at the commands: 1. Form squadron—trot (or gallop): 2. MARCH: 3. Guide left.

### Passage of obstacles.

730.—The squadron marching in line, to execute the passage of obstacles, the first captain commands:

- 1. Obstacle.
- 2. First platoon.
- 8. HALT.

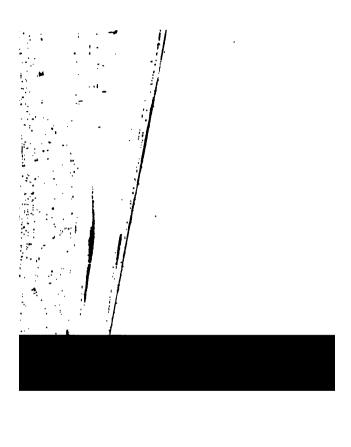
(Pl. 99.) At the command HALT, repeated by the chief of the first platoon, this platoon halts, and its chief immediately commands: 1. Left oblique—trot: 2. MARCH: and this platoon doubles upon the second.

When the platoon which has obliqued is in rear of the one upon which it has doubled, its chief commands: 1. FORWARD: 2. Guide right: 3. Walk: 4. MARCH:

To cause the platoon which has obliqued to return to its place, the first captain commands:

- 1. First platoon.
- 2. Into Line.

At the command INTO LINE, the chief of the platoon commands: 1. Right oblique—trot:



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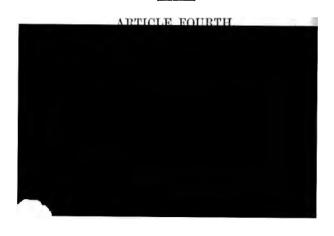
- 2. MARCH.
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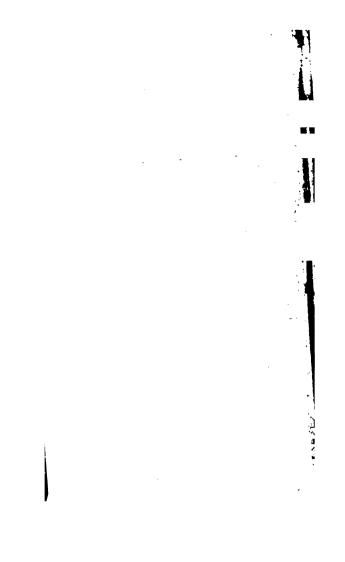
At the first command, the chiefs of platoon command: Form platoon.

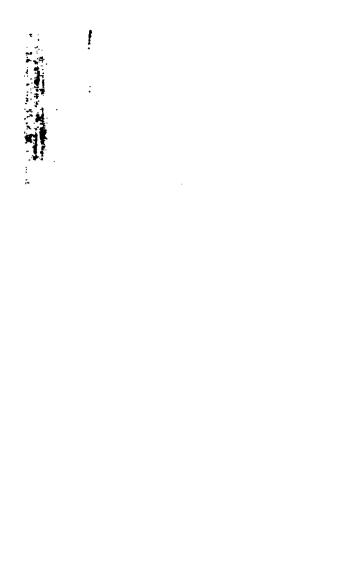
At the command MARCH, repeated by these officers, each platoon forms as prescribed, No. 537.

If the ground does not permit all the platoons to form at once, the one before which the obstacle is presented, forms in rear of the other platoon of its division, and retakes its place in line as soon as practicable.

734.—These movements are executed by the left, on the same principles, but by inverse means, at the commands: 1. In each platoon—by fours (or by twos)—from the left—trot: 2. March: 3. Guide left: and to reform the squadron, 1. Form platoons: 2. March: 3. Guide left.







At the command attention, repeated by the chiefs of platoon, the troopers prepare to slacken the pace, and carry the sabre to the shoulder. (Lancers, carry the lance.)

At the command squadron, the chiefs of platoon command: Platoon, and the troopers pass to the

trot.

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E At the command HALT, repeated by the chiefs of platoon, the troopers halt.

At the command right—DRESS, they align them-

selves to the right.

The squadron being aligned, the first captain commands: FRONT.

788.—To assure himself that the principles prescribed, No. 570, are exactly followed, the first captain sometimes places himself in front of the squadron, facing it, and at the distance that will enable him to remark better the faults. In this case, he is replaced on the line of officers by the second captain, who gives the commands.

789.—When the squadron executes the charge correctly, instead of halting when the charge is finished, the first captain commands:

- 1. Attention.
- 2. Trot.
- 3. MARCH.

At these commands, repeated by the chiefs of platoon, the squadron passes to the *trot*, and at 20 paces beyond the line marked out, he commands:

- 1. First (or fourth) platoon—as foragers.
- 2. MARCH.



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At these commands, repeated by the chief of the platoon designated, the platoon moves forward at the gallop. and disperses as foragers. A trumpeter follows the chief of the platoon.

The squadron follows this platoon at the trot; when it has passed over 150 paces, the first captain causes the rally to be sounded. At this signal, repeated by the trumpeter of the platoon dispersed as foragers, the latter rally upon the squadron, as prescribed, No. 571; and when three-fourths of the platoon have rallied and are in line, the first captain commands:

- 1. Attention.
- Gallop.
   MARCH.
- 4. CHARGE.

The squadron executes again the charge in line: the troopers who have not been able to rally, charge upon the flanks of the squadron.

740.—To exercise the troopers in rallying upon any point whatever, the first captain, during the march at the trot, causes the soundron to gain ground towards one of At the command MARCH, repeated by the chief of the first platoon, this platoon commences the gallop.

The other platoons follow at the trot, each taking the gallop, when the platoon which precedes is at

the distance of 50 paces.

When the first platoon has passed over 80 paces

at the gallop, its chief commands: CHARGE.

At this command, the platoon executes the charge; and when it has passed over 60 paces, its chief causes it to pass to the *trot*, by the commands: 1. Attention: 2. Trot: 3. MARCH.

The other platoons pay attention to the movements of the platoon which precedes them, so as to change the gait in time, and to resume their ordinary distance; the first captain halts the column when he thinks proper.

These charges are executed, each platoon taking in its

turn the head of the column.

742.—The squadron marching in column with distance, at the trot, the first captain commands:

- 1. First platoon—as foragers.
- 2. MARCII.

At the command MARCH, repeated by the chief of the first platoon, this platoon disperses as foragers. The squadron continues to march at the trot, and when it has passed over 100 or 150 paces, the first captain causes the rally to be sounded.

At this signal, the platoon rallies and reforms at the rear of the column, or at its place in line if the

squadron has been put in line.

### Rallying.

743.—To give the troopers the habit of rallying promptly, after having been dispersed as foragers, the first captain places the squadron at the extremity of the ground; and after giving notice to the files on the flanks of platoons, the file-closers and the trumpeters, to remain upon the line with him, he causes the disperse to be sounded. At this signal, the troopers disperse and charge as foragers; when they are at the distance of 150 or 200 paces, the first captain causes the rally to be sounded, which is executed as prescribed. No. 571.

The first captain observes that the troopers disperse without confusion; that, in rallying, they direct themselves to the right and to the left, outside of the flanks of the squadron, in order to unmask promptly the front of the squadron, and to reform in passing by the rear.

744.—When the troopers rally without confusion, this movement is repeated without requiring the flank files, &c., to remain on the line of the squadron.

At the signal to disperse, the squadron disperses in every

These movements are first executed at the trot, and then at the gallop.

Light cavalry should be particularly exercised in charging as foragers and in rallving.

### Skirmishing.

745 .- When the squadron is in sight of the skirmishers. the first captain orders no signal except the rally. The chief of the skirmishers observes the movements of the squadron he covers, and conforms to them as soon as practicable, requiring his trumpeter to sound the necessary cienals.

When the squadron changes front, the chief of the skirmishers moves upon the new front, unless the first captain

gives orders to the contrary.

If the squadron is out of sight of the skirmishers, the first captain causes the signals which correspond to the movements he executes to be sounded, in order to give notice to the chief of the skirmishers, who conforms to them as soon as practicable.

The trumpeter who follows the chief of the skirmishers should give the signals only upon the order of that officer. The skirmishers should execute their movements only by the signals of the trumpeter who accompanies the officer who commands them.

With respect to the signals, as well as to commence and to cease firing, the troopers conform to what is prescribed in the school of the platoon, mounted.

When several platoons act as skirmishers, the firing is

commenced by the right of each platoon.

When a squadron is acting as skirmishers, the first captain is always followed by a trumpeter. The others are placed several steps in rear of the line of skirmishers, at equal distances from the centre to the extremities, in order to repeat as soon as possible the signals given by the trumpeter of the first captain.

746.—The squadron being in line, the first captain commands:

- 1. First (or fourth) platoon—as skirmishers.
- 2. MARCH.

At the first command, the chief of the first platoon orders the sabres to be returned, or the lances to be rested, the holsters to be uncovered, and the arms to be loaded; he then commands: 1. Platoon forward; 2. Guide right; 3. Trot.

At the command MARCH, repeated by the chief of the platoon, this platoon moves forward. After marching 100 paces to the front, the chief of the platoon commands: 1. Six files from right (or from left)—as skirmishers; 2. MARCH; 3. Guide right (or guide left); which is executed as prescribed, No. 572.

747.-When the first captain wishes the skirmishers to

rally upon their reserve. The platoon having rallied is conducted back to the squadron at the trot.

749.—When the entire squadron is to act as skirmishers, the first captain orders the sabres to be returned, or the lance rested, the holsters to be uncovered, and the arms to be loaded; he then commands:

- 1. Squadron forward.
- 2. Guide right.
- 3. Trot.
- 4. MARCH.

Having arrived at the point where the reserve is to be established, about 100 paces from the front of the body to be covered, and more if it has been commanded, the first captain commands:

- 1. Three first (or three last) platoons—as skirmishers.
  - 2. MARCH.

At the command MARCH, the chief of the platoon which is to support the skirmishers, halts that platoon, and orders the sabres to be drawn. The chiefs of the three other platoons continue to march on, each directing himself by the shortest rout, 100 paces to the front towards the part of the line his platoon is to occupy, and having reached it, he disperses his platoon as skirmishers.

The right platoon covers the right of the regiment, and extends 30 or 40 paces beyond it; another platoon covers the centre, and the left platoon covers the left, extending also 30 or 40 paces beyond. The chiefs of these platoons remain 25

paces in rear of the line of skirmishers, and pass over the extent occupied by the troopers of their platoons.

The reserve remains in rear of the centre of the line of skirmishers. If the first captain thinks proper to divide it, each fraction moves upon the point designated, the first commanded by the officer, the other by the non-commissioned officer who was the file-closer.

750.—The squadron having moved forward to cover the regiment, if the first captain wishes only one division to act as skirmishers, he commands: 1. First (or second) division—as skirmishers; 2. MARCH; which is executed as prescribed, No. 749.

The division which serves as a reserve remains as a single troop, or if the first captain thinks proper, it is divided into two parts.

751.—The first captain, followed by the first sergeant, keeps habitually half way between the reserve and the skirmishers, to direct the movements.

The second captain, followed by the second sergeant,

At this new signal, the reserve and each platoon of skirmishers move at a gallop upon the point where the captain commanding is placed. The troopers who did not rejoin their platoon when it rallied upon itself, direct themselves towards the squadron.

758.—The squadron being dispersed as skirmishers, if the first captain wishes it to rally immediately, he orders the rally to be sounded; at this signal, the officers, the skirmishers, and the reserve, rally upon the point occupied by the first captain.

754.—The troopers being dispersed as skirmishers, if the first captain wishes them to charge as foragers, he orders them to cease firing, and causes the disperse to be sounded.

At this signal, the chiefs of platoon move forward in line, and the skirmishers draw sabres; they charge immediately. The reserve follows at the trot or at the gallop, as may be necessary.

After the charge, the first captain orders the rally to be sounded, when the troopers rally in rear of the reserve.

765.—The skirmishers being rallied by platoons, as prescribed, No. 752, if the first captain wishes to charge, he orders the charge to be sounded.

At this signal, each chief of platoon conducts his platoon to the charge in good order; the reserve supports the movement at the *trot* or at the gallop.

The first captain places himself so as to be able to direct the general movement.

The second captain charges with the platoon nearest to him.

The platoons rally behind the reserve; the first captain moves upon that point at the same time that he orders the rally to be sounded.

If, in a squadron of dragoons, one platoon dismounts to fight on foot, the first captain commands:

- 1. First (or jourth) platoon-prepare to fight on foot.
- 2. March.

At the first command, the chief of the platoon orders the sabres to be returned.

At the command MARCH, repeated by the chief of the platoon, this platoon moves forward; having marched 12 paces, the chief of the platoon halts it and commands:

### Prepare to fight-ON FOOT.

Which is executed as prescribed for the dragoons, No. 518. The platoon being formed on foot, it is conducted to the point it is to defend, and is exercised as prescribed, Nos. 211, 212, 239.

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First (or second) division—prepare to fight on foot.

Which is executed on the principles prescribed for a platoon. The 2d lieutenant commanding the second platoon of the division, remains with the horses of the dismounted men; the 1st lieutenant commands the dismounted dragoons; he forms two platoons which are exercised on the principles prescribed in the school of the platoon.

If the whole squadron dismounts to fight on foot, the

first captain commands:

### Prepare to fight-on foot.

Which is executed by the whole squadron, as prescribed

for a platoon, No. 578.

The second captain and an officer remain with the horses of the dismounted men: the first captain moves his dismounted squadron upon the point it is to defend, and conforms to what is prescribed in the school of the squadron, dismounted.

The squadron remounts by the commands and on the

principles prescribed for a platoon, No. 578.

The right file of the squadron remains mounted.

The particular guides dismount, and also the two trumpeters who follow the first captain and the licutenant commanding the skirmishers.

The file-closers who remain mounted take their places

in front of their platoons.

The horses of the officers who dismount are held as fol-

lows:

Those of the first captain and the lieutenant commanding the first platoon, by a trumpeter who remains mounted on the right of the squadron. He holds the captain's horse on his right and the other on his left.

The trooper on the right of the front rank holds the

horses of the two other commandants of platoons.

The trooper on the right of the rear rank, holds with his right hand the horse of the particular guide of the

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The chiefs of the second and fourth platoons, the half-wheel to the right being nearly terminated, command: 1. FORWARD: 2. Guide left: they move straight forward, and as soon as the left file of their platoon arrives in the direction of the left file of the platoon which precedes, they command: 1. Left half-wheel: 2. MARCH: 3. FORWARD: and move forward in taking their proper distances.

The divisions are broken by platoons, on the same prin-

ciples, in marching at the trot or at the gullop.

The column having the left in front, the first captain commands: 1. By the left—by platoons; 2. March; 3. Guide right, which is executed on the same principles, the first and third platoons executing in an inverse sense what is prescribed for the second and fourth, and the latter conforming to what is prescribed for the first and third platoons.

. 759.—The squadron marching in column by platoons, right in front, to form divisions in doubling the gait, the first captain commands:

- 1. Form divisions-trot.
- 2. MARCH.
- 8. Guide left.

Which is executed as prescribed, No. 757, the first and third platoons continuing to march at the same gait, and the chiefs of the second and fourth platoons commanding: 1. Platoon left half-wheel trot: 2. MARCH: 3. FORWARD: 4. Guide sight: and 1. Right half-wheel: 2. MARCH: 3. FORWARD: 4. Walk. When they arrive abreast

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761.—The squadron being in line, to break it by divisions by the right to march to the left, the first captain sommands:

1. Divisions break by the right—to march to the left.

2. MARCH.

Which is executed as prescribed for the column by platoons, each first lieutenant commanding successively, MARCH, when the division which preeedes arrives opposite the centre of the second platoon of his own division.

The same principles are observed, to break by the left to march to the right.

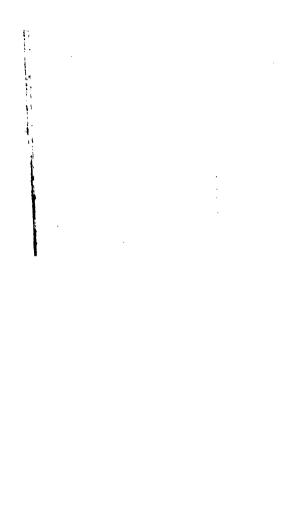
762.—To break the squadron by divisions to the rear by the right, to march to the left, the first captain commands:

1. Divisions break by the right to the rear—to march to the left.

2. MARCH.

Which is executed as prescribed for the column by platoons, each first lieutenant commanding successively MARCH, when the chief of the division which was on his right has commanded FORWARD, after having executed his wheel to the right-rabout.

To break to the rear by the left to march to the right, follow the same principles.



toons, at the commands: 1. Sections right wheel: 2. MARCH: 8. HALT (or FORWARD): 4. Guide left: or 1. Sections right wheel-head of column to the right (or to the left.\

In the column by sections, the distance from one sec-

tion to another is two paces.

The changes of direction of the column by sections, are executed on the principles prescribed for the column marching by the flank, the pivot describing an arc of circle of 5 paces, without slackening the gait.

For the oblique march, conform to what is prescribed for the column by fours.

The sections are broken by fours on the principles to break the platoons by fours, at the same gait, and in doubling the gait.

The squadron marching in column by sections, it is formed to the front, or on right into line, on the principles prescribed for these formations, when marching in column by fours.

The squadron marching in column by sections, it is formed at the same gait, or in doubling the gait, by the means prescribed for the formation front into line when

marching by fours.

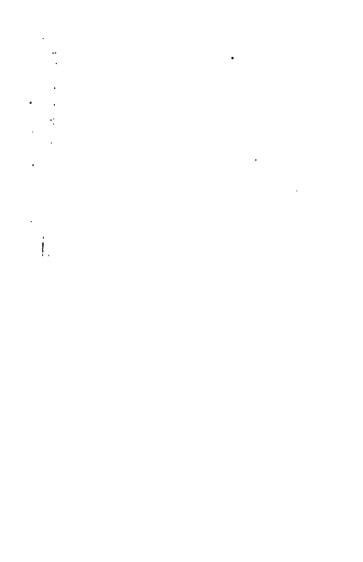
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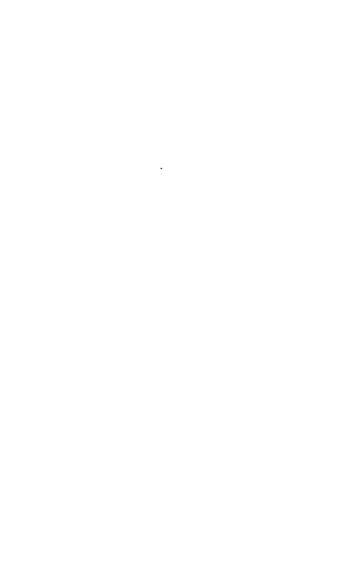
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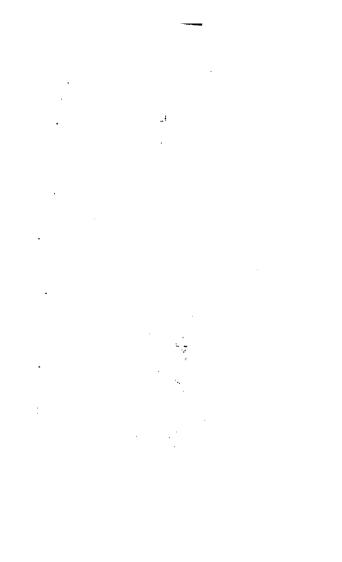
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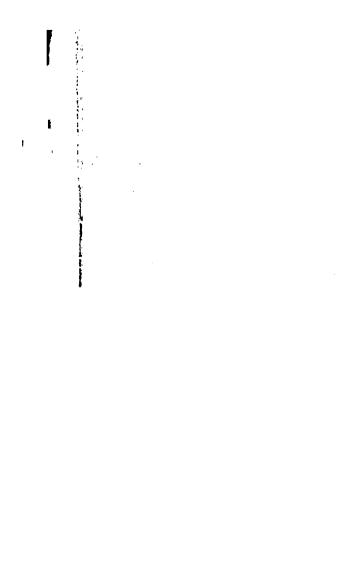


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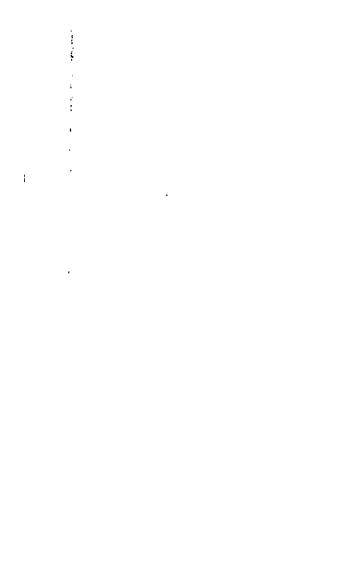


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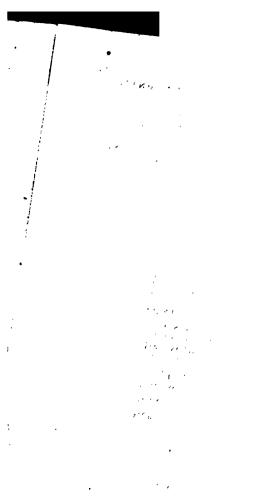






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